ve of Budget jobless otal near to 1,400,000

p in unemployment for the sixth re month brought the total number of ut of work to nearly 1,400,000 in March. ects of today's Budget are almost certain the problem worse, as well as to reduce value of unemployment benefit.

changes in job vacancies, which have been falling fairly steadily since last summer.

Despite the smaller jump in the unemployment total in March, the rise was still much larger than those in the later months of last year.

who have been without a job for a year or more. Their financial position is fikely to

be worsened by today's Budget because a cur in the real value

simost certain to be announced

as part of the Government's public spending reductions.

the November

announced.

Sixth successive monthly rise

yment went up for successive month in ce-seasonal factors into account. The adults out of work 30,000 in Great rises of 39,000 in 45,000 lest month. the underlying job-to 1,349,900, or 5.7 of the work force,

to official figures yesterday. yment is expected to roughout this year. overnment estimates year predicted an total of 1.8 million

months of last year.

There seems to have been a sharp deterioration in the lebour market at the turn of the year. Since then the underlying total of adults out of work in Great Britain has risen by 114,000 and the number of job vacancies has dropped over the same period by about 20 per cent.

The trade figures—that is by about 20 per cent.

The trade figures—that is before seasonal adjustment—show that the total number registered as memployed last month was 1,411,415 in Britain, a fall of 10,573, and 1,477,666 in the United Kingdom as a whole, 11,257 fewer than in February. next January. these projections before the most reeven more glomy economic forecasts. do not take account be announced in to-set and these are thin to push up un-

These figures include unemployed school leavers. The Government's special unemployment measures are now keeping an estimated 205,000 of these off the register and to be helping a total of 405,000 people. because of their effect on output. ernment has stressed don between grow-ueues and high pay sters have said that lead inevitably to people.

The problems of the longterm unemployed are becoming more severe. There are growing numbers of workers

wage bargainers for ngs figures show pay remment's strategy ng inflation now high enemployment

ket. Vacancies noti-

imployment offices iter seasonal adjust-3,700 in March. count for only about total vacancies but ployment is bound to rise what-t by officials to pre-ever happens to the level of nd guide to overall benefit.

Britons vote to send team

to Olympics

By John Hennessy

The British Olympic Association (BOA) decided yesterday by a big majority to send a team to the Olympic Games in Massaw in July Only one sport. Moscow in July. Only one sport, hockey, positively came out in opposition, but four others—equestrianism, fencing, swimming, and yachting—asked for the decision to be deferred.

Fifteen sports voted for immediate acceptance of the in-vitation to Moscow together with three other members of the committee. The identity of these three was not revealed, but they ere almost certain to be Lord Exeter and Lord Luke, who are members of the Inter-national Olympic Committee, and Mr Charles Palmer, vice chairman of the BOA and a dedicated opponent of political interference in sport.

The five winter sports were not represented nor was the Football Association, who are not involved in the Olympic Games.

The BOA stated that there will be no pressure to participate on individual sportsmen

The carsmen had been instru-mental in forcing a change of mind on the Amateur Rowing Association. The hockey players, the BOA feels, may do the same, particularly when they have bad the opportunity to digest what they regard as a bizarre statement issued yesterday by the men's Great Britain Hockey

Flying in the face of reality, it is inviting the International Hockey Federation to hold a "hockey Olympic Games" at a

more appropriate venue. If there were any attempt to hold alternative games the BOA would not be interested, Sir Denis Follows, the chairman-

Sir Denis refuted the suggestion, contained in a question in Parliament, that he had said he "knew more about the in-terests of this country than Members of Parliament." He Runcie

enthroned

From Clifford Longley

Archbishop Robert Runcie

later this year.
"It may be that the simple

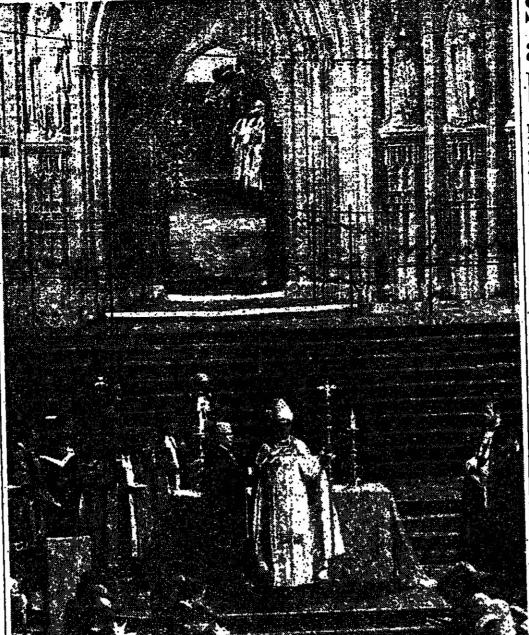
Africa will prove more eloquent

had never said this. Our Political Editor immediately issued a statement BOA decision, but appealed to individual athletes not to abide

statement noted that neither the governing bodies of

writes: Almost 60 per cent of squits in the Republic of Ireland are in favour of their country competing in the Moscow games, according to 2 It means that people will not have their benefits increased in line with inflation when Dublin yesterday.

The survey, carried out in early February by Research Surveys of Ireland, shows that 32 per cent that a team should not go a nd 9 per cent said they did The Prime Minister has supported a campaign against the work shoy'. However, uneus-ployment is bound to rise what-



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Archbishop Runcle blessing the congregation at his enthronement in Canterbury Cathedral which the Church should live out it. The choice of prayers and hymns reflected Archistracter of real Christian authority", he said. Archbishop now, about the unpretentious character of real Christian auth-

He longed as Archbishop to He longed as Archbishop to speak with men and women outside the Christian Church. He would like to say to them: "You can teach us so much if together we could look for the secret of the meze-like muddle in which the world finds itself." Some of those who thought they were close tot he heart of the maze would find that they archoisnop kopert kuncie marked his enthronement in Canterbury Cathedral yesterday with a statement of his priorities that suggests a new style of church leadership. Addressing the congregation of 2000 the mass Archbishop were close out he neart of the maze would find that they would have to return to the beginning; those who thought they were at the start could be nearer its beart.

he nearer its heart.

The image of the church he put forward was, of an unstrident institution with low frontiers, not claiming to offer packaged truth nor convinced that it had all the answers. He recalled that the cost of Christian leadership could be high, expressing his shock at the murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvadore.

Prayers for the murdered. 2,000, the new Archbishop offered to build a warm mutual understanding between Christians and non-Christians, His sermon was indirectly critical of the pomp and splen-dour of the enthronement service itself when he compared it archbishop that he is to attend

Prayers for the murdered.
Roman Catholic prelate were included in the service itself, one particularly sombre part of the international and ecumental theme, which ran throughservice to which I shall so in

ference: out of respect for the Orthodox churchmen present, the controversial "filioque" clause (" . and the Son") was omitted from the creed; and one of the hymns sung was in preise of the Virgin Mary.

in praise of the Virgin Mary.

Cardinal Hume read the epistle, the first Roman Catholic cardinal to take part in such an enthronement since the Reformation, and when the time came for Archoishop Runcie to greet the essembled church dignatories, he gave a special warm embrace to the cardinal.

Theservice was also a visible manifestation of the place of the Church of England as the established national church; with Mrs Margaret Thatcher leading a procession of saveral. cardinal. leading a procession of several Cabinet ministers, the Prince of Wales and Princess Margaret symbolizing the Church's link with the Crown, and a large gathering of dignaturies representing local government, the armed services, the law, and other estates of the realm.

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Salvador Archbishop assassinated by gunmen at altar

San Salvador, March 25.— Machine gun fire and at least 10 explosions were heard in the empty streets of the capital today and power to parts of the city was cut, hours after Mgr Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador and an outspoken defender of human rights, was shot to death while holding a funeral mass last night.

A powerful bomb went off at Siman stores, owner by rich, right-wing families, and unconfirmed reports scoke of explosions at the National Pelace. The violence was apparently provoked by the death of Mgr Romero, who was killed by four men who caimly walked up to him as he raised the com-munion host during the mass and shot him at short range.

and shot him at short range.

The military-civilian junta, which the Archbishop had criticized as repressive, banned the broadcasting of details of the assassination of the popular church leader, nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

But it issued a statement But it issued a statement energetically condemning "the kilking and decreed three days

kilking and decreed three days of national mourning.

"The assassination of his Excellency the Archbishop constitutes the most vile of crimes", the Junta's statement said. It urged the people of Salvador to "orient this sorrow that behoves us to build the just free and peaceful country he always fought for."

Señor Lorge Pinto, a newspaper publisher, said that Mgr. Romero was saying the mass

for the publisher's mother, when the four middle-aged men in civilian clothes edged up to the altar of the tiny hospital the altar of the tiny hospital chapel in north-western San Salvador and fired. The Pinto family had placed newspaper advertisements saying that the Archbishop would be conducting the mass.

There were several shots and Monsignor fell dead at that moment, Señor Pinto said.

They took him to the Salvadoraan polyclinic but he was dead by the time he arrived there.

Señor Eulalio Perez Garcia, a

photographer for United Press International, said that the Archbishop had just hited up the host when "there was an explosion and the Monsignor backward, practically

The men fled through a side door and escaped in a red Volks-wagen after the shotting which wagen after the shorting which happened in the evening, an orderly said. Doctors said later that Mgr Romero, aged 63, was killed by a single 22, calibre bullet that struck him in the

Mgr Romero had said in that both extreme right and left-wing groups were planning his assassination. It is not known

which accomplished it.
On Sunday he had demanded that the ruling junta, which is trying to combine liberal reforms with attacks on its leftist. opposition, put an end to repression and said 150 people had died in political had died in political violence in the previous week alone.

In 1978, a group of British MPs and peers and American congressmen nominated him for the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize. —UPI.

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Lawson optimism on EEC paper attacked

By Fred Emery Political Editor On the eve of the grim Budget that Sir Geoffrey Howe, Budget that Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is expected to deliver today the Government yesterday came under attack for detecting a silver liming to the problem of Britain's £1,100m EEC budget deficit.

Despite Labour charges in the Commons of deceit and cowardite, Mr Nigel Lawson, Financial Secretary to the

Secretary to Financial Treasury, declined to say why he had kept to himself all weekend an EEC Commission proposal that he had in the previous night's debate treated as a breakfirough.

broadcast imerviews he waxed eloquant. He spoke of a special fund of EEC married being possible for projects in Britain. The Government, he insisted, would not have to match the EEC spending; indeed its intention is that the EEC money should substitute for present Government commit-ments; and so reduce Govern-

Instead of cheering this first good news from Brussels in good news from Brussels in recent memory, the Labour front bench was enraged. The odd ami-EEC Tory also joined in the complaints that the Commobs, on Monday, had been denied this up to date EEC document for its debate on the EEC budget. on the EEC budget.

The Government was unable to explain yesterday why the document had not been presented to MPs. Mr Lawson, was said in Whitehall, seized the purported key point in Britain's favour immediately he saw how explicit it was on receipt of the document last Friday.

But in addition to being denied the information it was clear that most Labour MPs did not believe Mr Lawson's are gloss" that, as he put it on Monday, "the Government has no doubt whatever that the Commission's proposals could, given the political will among er states, form the basis Continued on page 6, col 1

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s of holiday flights incial airports over perioid depend on on Friday between 550,000 local authorities -collar workers and

onal and Local Gov-Micers' Association sterday sanctioned a rike over Easter by ffic controllers but instruction in abeying the outcome of

talks break down the go ahead, as will a he union's 600 meat nambers. The inspec-essional body has vised them to vote to tey are balloted. were arranged yes-

i the union expects rity employers' offer age 8 per cent pay-comparability with rivate industry. ion is claiming an

f per cent increase, lat its case has been ed by the 17 per cent lity award for coun-officers which was Monday. Both sides iously optimistic last Friday's negotiations the union to call off ial action, which is many local councils

that will be affected trike include Laton, ewcastle, East Mideeds Bradford, and which between them jusands of passengers holiday period. The a ballot of the air. trollers had produced nable majority" in

a strike. perations committee ed a wide range of tion to intensify the though that also will until the outcome of ilks is known. Among res are a ballot of in strategic areas on ite strike, converting porization to take intion into instructions and spreading the stop rent collection

ployers last night welnnion's decision to further action until

er flights Steel committee of inquiry members expected to be announced today

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Reporter
An announcement of the names of the three-man committee of inquiry into the steel strike may be made today.
Both sides in the dispute vesterday submitted their approved list of candidates, and it was believed that three of

it was believed that three of the figures on the list had agreed to take part.

The committee, which will be established under the enspices fine independent Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Concilisation and Arbitration
Service, is expected to take no
more than a fortnight on its
deliberations, which will be
confined to the difference
between the union's claim for
a 19 per cent pay and conditions deel and the British Steel
Conservation's 14 per cent offer.

Small majority

vote for strike

A majority of only 86 in a meeting of 2,400 British Leyland Jaguar workers in Coventry voted to strike in protest ar BL's plans to impose its pay and working

conditions package from April 8. The

concisions parkage from April 6. The small majority was a blow to militants. The first vote, declared by a shop steward to be "pretty manimous for strike action" was greeted by a roar of protest Page 2

Twenty four Hell's Angels were sentenced at Winchester Crown Court for their part-

in a hattle between rivel chapters in the

New Forest lest Easter. The sentences

ranged from suspended terms of imprison-

ment to 15 years for one man convicted of attempted murder Page 5

Mr Sadeq Cotheaden, the Iranian Foreign Minister, said in Tehran that the Shah's

Manuster, said in Federal that the Shah's flight from Panama to Egypt had badly damaged efforts to release the American Embassy hostages. He also said that the Soviet Union had agreed to regionel talks on the Afghanistan crisis.

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Action on Debendox

Parents who think their children's birth defects were caused by Debendox taken

during pregnancy have formed an action committee to get the drug taken off the

US hostages setback

Hell's Angels jailed

of Jaguar

Meanwhile, the National Craft Coordinating Committee of 11 unions in the industry ex-pressed their discontent at the failure of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation and the National Union of Blastiurnace-men to cal loff the strike pend-ing the inquiry, or to accept its findings as binding.

nncangs as conning.

The committee, representing nearly 40,000 BSC workers, noted with regret that the ISTC annd NUB had acted contrary to the understandings given by all the participating unions in the iron and steel conditating committee.

The decision by the NCCC on whethe rto call members back to work will not be made until next Wednesday

Analysis of Budget

For the first time today the Chancellor of the Exchequer's annual Budger statement will coincide with the publication of the Public Expenditure White Paper. The Times will tomorrow include full reports

of both. There will also be extensive analysis of their political and economic significance as well as discussion of their

likely impact on many sectors of Britain's

national life by our team of specialist

The failure of President Brezhnev and Mr

Kosygin to attend the opening session of

suggestions that the two leaders are both

Britain's drive to sell arms to China has

mer with litle success. Contracts for big

civilian projects, delayed because of policy

changes, have also failed to live up to the expectations of British industry. The

response to calls for smaller contracts has

Death threat: The IRA says it will kill electricity men who cut off supplies to working class homes in Ulster 2

Maputo: Warm reception for Lord Soames

Classified advertisements: Appointments,

pages 27, 29; La crème de la crème, 29, 30, Personal, 31, 32; Property, 28, 29

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Arms sales setback

not been encouraging .

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ties with West

Supreme Soviet of the Russian Republic and their absence, from meetings with members of the visiting Nicaraguan Sardinista Liberation Front have led to

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Soviet health doubts

and White Paper

Sogat strike order will halt national press on May 14

Labour Reporter

No national newspapers will be printed on May 14 as a result of a decision yesterday by the largest printing union, the Society of Graphical and Allien Trades (Sogat), to call all its members out on strike: The union's 205,000 members

are being instructed to stay are being instructed to stay away as part of the TUC's day of action against the Government's social and aconomic policies. A union spokesman said last right: "It will stop the state of t said last might: If will stop every national newspaper on May 14, with no exception. We are advising our members not to go to work on the evening of May 13, going into the morning of May 14.

It is understood that the

Leading articles: Archbishop of Canterbury; Assassination of Archbishop Romera; East

Features, pages 10, 16 Lawrence Freedman on the shortcomings of civil defence; Bernard Levin with a challenge

Mor Oscar Romero, Miss E. E. S. Procter, Admirai Sir Havold Kinehan

Arts, page 11

John Higgins talks to Joan Sutherland and Richard Bonynge, leading lady and conductor of Donicati's Lucrecia Borgia, which opens tonight at Covent Garden: Prin Moor reports tonight at Covent Garden: Prin Moor reports

from Berlin on the controversial new production of Peter Weiss's play about Auschwitz.

sport, pages 12, 13
Duke of Edinburgh's warning on pitfalls of government aid to sport; Football; Kennedy replaces Brooking in England team against Spain; Rowing: Sponsors threaten to withdraw from Boat Race; Racing: Michael Phillips visits Vincent O'Brien's stable

Stock markets: Equities were firm after an easier opening but gilts went better awaiting the Budger today. The FT Index closed 3.1 up

Business features: Rory Johnston on foreign threats to computer privacy; Tony Emerson on the Argentine motor industry

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hour stoppage, because this would have meant that no newspapers were available on May 15 to print reports of the TUC's call for action . Union members, who mainly handle the packaging and dis-tribution of newspapers, will also stop work in provincial

newspapers A Sogat statement said: "It is firmly the decision of the national executive committee that the trade union movement as a whole should respond to the TUC call) by stopping work on that day. The NEC will therefore be directing all their members to demonstrate their members to demonstrate their opposition to the anti-working glass policies of this Govern-ment by stopping work."

Police 'beat Leader page, 17. Letters: On child benefits, from Professor J. E. Meade, FBA, and others; on VAT payments, from Sir Andrew Wasson, and Mr. Owen Warnock; on Ulster reforms, from Mr. Jeffrey Dudgeon. and kicked' James Kelly

From David Nicholson-Lord

James Kelly, aged 53, of Huyton, Merseyside, was club-bed, kicked and beaten by police officers half an hous-before he died, a witness of his arrest said at the resumed inquest on Mr Kelly yesterday. Mr Francis - Keegan ... said he thirteenth floor of a block near by two officers arresting Mr Kelly. While one of them was

making clubbing movements with his hand there was a sound like two blocks of wood being knocked together, added. Mr. Kelly, was bunched up on the ground, groaning and trying to avoid the blows. Asked by Mr George Car-man, QC for the Police Federation and four officers, why, as

a responsible and respectable citizen, he did not report to the police the attack he saw, Mr Keegan said he had left it in the hands of the Kelly family. He said he did not see handcuffs put on Mr Kelly, nor did he see Mr Kelly, as suggested by Mr Carman, hit a police ser-geant in the face, breaking his

Earlier, a request for the release of a "third opinion" pathologist's report by countel for the Kelly family was rejected by representatives of the Merseyside police. Report, page 4

The experience is unforgettable. Just remember the name.

Strike vote by workers at Jaguar shows majority of 86 wants action against BL-imposed deal

Midlands Industrial

Correspondent A meeting of 2,400 workers at British Leyland's Jaguar assembly plant in Coventry yesterday voted by a majority of 86 to strike in protest at the management's plans to impose its pay and working conditions package

The small majority was a blow to militants who had hoped that overwhelming support for a strike would influence the out-come of today's crucial meeting of national union leaders and stop stewards on BL Cars joint negociating committee.

The reported anger of Jaguar employees at plans to downgrade assembly workers had seemed to support that hope.

But the narrow decision only reaffirmed recent anidence that reaffarmed recent evidence that increasing numbers of BL work-ers now realize that a sustained strike could wreck the com-pany's recovery plans and lead to more job losses.

The meeting began quietly

Friday being put by Mr Ronald Newcombe, chairman of the joint shop stewards' committee. He emphasized that the main concern was the proposed implementation of the new five-

grade wage structure for the whole of BL Cars. That would reduce assembly workers at Jaguar from their present top-grade position, in future to be reserved only for skilled craftsmen, to grades two and three.

When the vote was called for on a show of hands Mr New-combe announced: "That looks pretty unanimous for strike action." His words were drowned by a roar of protest. There were repeated shouts of rubbish" and "it's a fox

After consultations with other stewards Mr Newcombe asked the meeting to split into two groups—those for and those against the recommendation.
That again failed to show a
clear majority and finally the
two sides filed through separate
gates and were counted. Later men complained that one union had boycotted the meeting and that several hun-

had stayed away. 'Men at a second Jaguar plant the Radford engine works, which employs 3,100, have still to consider their response to

the strike call, Union leaders attending to day's meeting are reluctant to endorse all-out strike action after the company's dire warning of its parlous state. But the union side of the joint negotiating committee has been authorized by senior shop stewards to call a strike when the present layoffs cease and the company returns to full pro-

It was generally thought last night that an all-out strike will be avoided but that strikes at key plants could take place. That would be almost as

Management is reported to have offered to bring in other materials to settle the strike by 30 trim shop workers that has stopped production of the Mini at Longividge. The men are complaining that a new type of roof material causes irritating

forced entry would be investi- links with the Provisional IRA and was convicted by the Special Criminal Court of

The hostages are Mr and Mrs O'Reilly and their two-year-old daughter, who are believed to be related to Mr McGinn.

Club destroyed: The co Armsgn golf club was destroyed by two bomb explosions early terday (the Press Associa

Newry Road, Armagh, within seconds; their county head-quarters is only 100 yards away. Firemen called to the club were unable to fight a fire

winth device.

A Royal Ulster Constabulary officer said that the club, on the outskirts of the city, was completely devastated.".

Army bomb disposal experts later defused the third bomb and firemen moved in and

IRA threaten to kill electricity men who cut off supplies

From Christopher Thomas

Swingeing electricity price rises in Northern Ireland yesterday provoked a warning from the Provisional IRA that envisody who tried to cut off supplies to working class fami-lies would be shot.

On the day that the elec-tricity service announced a 17.5 per cent increase from next month, the IRA said they had received "serious complaints" from tenants in Catholic west Belfast that workmen had forced their way into homes to cut off supplies.

A spokesman added: "The IRA now finds that it has been left with no option but to deal seriously with enti-social activities of electricity workers who in all future attempts to cut off working class families electricity supplies, will be shot ".

The Northern Ireland Electricity Service refuted the IRA's claim that a guarantee has been given that supplies would not terminated. An official said it observed a code of practice providing for cases of genuine hardskip. Any allegation of

Electricity debts in Ulster in August 1978 stood at more tran £13m owed by 97,000 consumers. The figures had dropped last December to just under £12m owed by 57,000 consumers.

The cost of living in Northern Ireland is considerably higher in almost every area than in the rest of the United Kingdom. The electricity service said that a further increase might be necessary later this year.

Grenade siege: A man armed with a heand grenade was yesterday holding a family hostage on a housing estate at Dundalk, co Louth, beside the border between the Republic of Ira-land and Ulster (our Dublin

Correspondent writes). police went to the house, in the Dublin Road, with a warrant to arrest Bernard McGian, aged 21. The area was quickly surrounded by police and soldiers.

Mr. McGinn, from Castleblaney, co Monaghan, jumped
bail last yea rand was sentenced in Dublin, in his
absence to 10 years' imprison

possessing a milk churn bomb near the border.

Mr McGinn's father, a Sinn Fein councillor in Castleblaney, had arrived at the scene to talk to his son.

nion reports).

Police were on the scene, in

which broke out because of a

for cases of genuine absence to 10 years' imprison- brought the blaze under con-Any allegation of ment. He is believed to have trol, the police said.

Rivalry of architects and planners

In an attempt to improve relations between: architects and planners, the Royal Institute of BGritish Architects (RIBA) and the Royal Town Planning Institute yesterday issued a joint statement which attempts to clarify their respective roles.

Professional planning staff, it ays, should acknowledge that the design of buildings is the special responsibility of commissioned erchitects. Architects should recognize

that the planning system is pro-perly concerned with land use. the enpironment and questions of tiensity. tiensity, massing and layout. Architects should accept that the development control system allows local authorities to con-

and de given an opportu to discuss his proposals with the chief planning officer or an appropriately qualifed and experienced assistant," tife statement continues. Chief planning officers are

advised that no jumor assistant should be in a position to criticize the design aspects of the work of an architect or other professional person, without reference to an experienced

"Where planning officers object to the design of proposed developments, precise reasons should be given in writing."

sider the appearance of pro-posed development. But where president, said yesterday that the point at issue is one of if the principles set out in the aesthetic judgment, planning statement were observed they officers are advised to act would greatly improve the "Any architect or his agent working collaboration of architects and planners, and the development control process.

Both institutes believed that education of architects and planners should be devised so as to lead to a greater mutual appreciation of each others' skills, he added.

Mr John Collins, senior vicepresident of the town planning institute, described the state-ment as a bridge-building exer-cise. "This is no time for professionals deeply concerned with the quality of the environbe at each others' throats", he said.

Sir Keith revels in **Thatcher** deputy role

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent It was a case of when fishes flew and forests walked and figs grew upon thorn as Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, stalked to the despatch box in the Commons yesterday as acting Prime

Minister. It must have been a terrifying moment for those Labour MPs who had momentarily for-gotten that the Archbishop of Canterbury was being enthroned that the Prime Minister and her deputy, Mr William Whitelaw, were otherwise

engaged.
Almost regally Sir Keith smiled on the assembled multitudes thanked Mr John Farr, Conservative MP for Harborough, for expressing pleasure at the sight of the right honourable gentleman in such an exalted position, "albeit on a temporary basis", and proceeded to treat the House to further doses of Dr

Keith's monetary cure-all.
To continue briefly in the words of Chesterton, the Labour benches looked on at this apparition at the despatch box as the devil's walking parody on all two-footed things. But while Sir Keith was

generous enough to view most of his tormentors on the Labour benches as at least almost human, there must be some doubt whether that feeling was fully reciprocated. The mixture of boos, grunts, groams, cheers and jeers that greeted the Secretary of State's appearance would have been better suited to the lion house Sir Keith, revelling in his new

role, departed from his usual trappist style to wax almost lyrical over the Government's strategy.

Many MPs, not only on the Labour benches, must have pondered that Sir Keith seemed to be doing a better job as Prime Minister than as Secretary of State for Industry.

Mrs Thatcher may have to be more careful about her choice of deputies. Some might begin to get ideas above their station. Parliamentary report, page 14

Newspapers deny NGA claim on pact

Industrial action by members of the printing craft union, the National Graphical Association, yesterday affected 14 pro-vincial newspapers, the News-paper Society said. The action mainly involved overtime bans and mandatory chapel (works branch) meetings.
The union is in dispute over

pay with the society and the British Printing Industries Federation, which said last night that NGA action was affecting about one hundred of its companies.

The NGA has rejected an offer giving minimum earnings of £35 a week, an increase of week by July, 1982. Instead it wants £80 a week and a 373-hour week within a year.

Mr Les Dixon, the NGA president, claims that 200 firms, most in the federation and the society, have accepted an interim agreement which would give exemption from industrial action until the dispute is

But the society "flatly re-jected" Mr Dixon's claim yes-terday. It said: "Not one of our members has made any agreement, interim or other-wise, with the NGA."

Warning of task facing corporation when dispute ends

More steel customers turn to imports

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

Amid growing concern over the impact of the continued shundown of steel production from the British Steel Corporation's works, big consumers in manufacturing industries are turning increasingly towards imported steel to make good shorefalls in supply.

As talks took place yesterday between the BSC, now faced with the thirteenth week of a strike which is costing if an additional £10m a week, and the TUC steel committee over the corporation's plans for cutting jobs and steel production, the British Iron and Steel Consumers Council gave a warning about the task facing the cor-poration and its workers when

Mr John Safford, the coun-cil's director, said he was receiving a growing number of inquiries from companies who had never before bought steel from foreign producers as to where they could secure ship-ments of steel to maintain pro-

strik is resolved. Both sides to the dispute now consider it most unlikely that production will return to nor-mal until after Easter and the build up to competitive production levels will take at least another six weeks on the corporation's own projections.

retrenchment programme to the future of the European steel industry was underlined by Viscount Etienne Davignon, the EEC Industry Commissioner, after he addressed the annual convention of the Institute of Directors. Britain still had a future in

"Many are finding just how cheap and how easy it is to secure orders and bring steel

steel industry union leaders as well as for the BSC itself, he

Imports over the first two months of this year were higher than for the whole of last year. Tonnage lying on quays for transport to customers at ports where picketing has been heavy is equivalent to a month's imported steel deliveries. It will flood onto the market once the

The importance of the BSC's

the steel industry, he said, provided that necessary restrucuring was carried through quickly to make it competitive with other EEC steel industries. The

this must be very worrying for fact that the BSC had lost two if the strike years in getting its programme through the background of implemented changes

Europe, he said, meant that the the BSC will be u rhythm of change had to be pressure. Imports more rapid in Britain than else replace the lost Reports of widespread dis-ruption and dislocation to the

rest of industry yesterday were stoutly denied by the BSC and by the Confederation of British The CBI reaffirmed that all

reports it had received sug-gested that stocks had been boilt up over the past week as result of renewed deliveries from private sector steelworks supplemented by imports of steel. But indusernal production was down to about 95 per cent of what it would have been but for the strike.

Mr Gordon Sambrook, of the BSC, described reports of wide- costing it about £ scale disruption as a "travesty of the facts". Reports to the CBI, he emphasized, showed clearly that there was no crisis in industry due to the steel

But stockholders, who pro-vide the link between steel producers and customers, said

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forced to holt p freightline wagon lost revenue on In the motor in Dunstable truck week were inevi-

Liverpool dockers' strike is made official

Labour Reporter

Any moves to spread the iverpool dock strike over the blacking of steel movements were in suspense yesterday as the men's union, the Transport and General Workers (TGWU) called a national-level meeting for Friday.

The TGWU yesterday gave official backing to the strike by more than 6,000 dock workers at Liverpool, Shortly afterwards, however, dockers at Southampton voted not to come out in support of their Liverpool colleagues.

The union took no immediate steps to call out members in They are expected to vote other docks. Instead, it consolidly in support of continuvened an emergency meeting ing their strike.

and waterways committee on and local calls for wider action.

The strike, which has left 21 vessels idle in the port, was initially called last Thursday after 100 dockers refused to obey management instructions to load steel on to a ship bound

They were suspended without pay and shorrly afterwards shop stewards called out the port's 5,00 fregistered dockers, and more than 1,000 ancilliary workers. Merseyside dockers will be

olding another mass meeting in Liverpool Stadium today.

union's national docks group secretary, yesterday officially requested the National Association of Port Employers to persuade the Liverpool docks man-agement to rescind its instruction to work on the cargo. He said that if the employers did will that and considered payment for time lost because of the dispute "I think we could contain the situation". National officials of

TGWU are believed to be anxious to avoid the dispute spreading if possible. The committee meeting on Friday cannot call an official strike. although it could make a recommendation to Mr Alex Kirson, who is acting as general secre-

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|Civil Serv Security guard, 57, had no two-way radio to give warning of £4m bullion snatch involved in the operation, in lorry unit discovered on Mon-volving up to six men. day night. The trailer may have Mr Little said they had been been left there hours after the By Our Crime Reporter

A man aged 57 was the security guard for the silver bullion, worth nearly 54m,

stolen from a lorry on Monday, the Scotland Yard detective in charge of the investigation re-vealed yesterday. Police have refused to name the man, or is company, but one source said yesterday that he was a er of a small concern based on the outskirts of Lon-

Giving the first full story of the raid vesterdey, police dis-closed that, despite earlier reports, the guard did not have a two-way radio with him. He was chiving with a shipping agent, aged 45 in a car behind the lorry and trailer carrying the bullion. The lorry driver,

At a press conference, Det ing ahead of them in the lay-by.

Supt David Little, of Scotland and tied up. They were warned Yard's central robbery squad, that if they failed to cooperate confirmed that the Metropoli they would have their kneecests. tan Police was not told of the load. During the day Port of London police said that officers at Tilbury however were

expecting the bullion.

Mr Little said the police were examining among many options the possibility of an "inside job".

So far no Yard raids have been carried out, but the police consider that a large and well-

told that the lorry was in the raid. fast lane of the Al3 at Barking on its way to Tilbury when the driver saw a man in police uni-

form waving him into a lay-by. He pulled across the traffic, followed by the escorting car, where a man in a white coat with a clipboard was waiting,

a sawn-off shotgun. The joined by the guard and agent, due to take the loan has not you who left their car to flad out arrived at Tilbury. If seems the East Germans sent it to London East Germans it might fetch in a All three were ordered into to see what it might fetch in a figure. The and tied up. They were warned that if they failed to cooperate.

Ail three were eventually dumped in a lock-up garage in south London, after being driven round in a series of stops and starts. A masked man locked them in, but within five minutes they broke out.

A few bours before the press conference, police found the trailer with its empty container in Woodford Bridge Road, Woodford, a few miles from the

The ingots are said to be 15 ine by 5 ine by 3 ins in size, each weighing 32 kilos. On the side of each ingot is written 999, a purty mark, a serial

between 800,000 and

801,000 and some words in French: Affiner Fondeur The man, 5ft 8in tall, with Compoint Lyons Allemand Louyor, blond, parmed hair under a Paris. Each import is stamped thesecutter cap, fold the with a hexagon, driver to get out of the cab. The silver tail been brought with his papers. He complied over from East Germany and and was at once threatened with was en route there again, a sawn-off shotgun. He was although the ship which was

> lluctuating market. Jeppesen Heaton Ltd, the ship's brokers handling the silver, have dealt with other bullion cargoes and may have Police are appealing for wit-nesses who may have seen the false census point on the A13 being set up. The pseudo-police-

man was over 6fr tall, and aged about 34. The driver, agent and security guard remained at Waltham-stow police station for a second Well-prepared raid, page 4 on March 20.

Correction Kent County Court committee is being to save £200,000 by

Expedition going | Fleet Street in to Himalayas

The Royal Geographical Society is embarking on a mountain adventure in the Hamilayas to mark its one bundred and fiftuetic anniversary this year. It hopes to discover more about the relatively unknown Karakoram mountain

pected to last three months, and the exploration will begin on

Advanced scientific equip-ment, including lasers, will be used to plot the shape of glaciers and valleys while other team members will try to dis-

Part of the territory is prone to earthquakes and the team will study local buildings to see how they withstand tremors.

for anniversary

A team of 56 geographers and scientists from Britain, China and Pakistan will take part. Professor Keith Miller, from Shaffeld University, the expedition's leader, said the area contains probably "the greatest extent of high mountains in the world". The expedition is expected to last three months and



dockland prospect grows

to a new docklands site, other newspaper groups have been

Associated Newspapers, who have for some time wanted to move away from their premises near Fleet Street, said yesterday that they were looking at possible sites "at the proper price", but were "not prepared to lock up money uneconomic

prospect of a move out of central London attractive. They include traffic congestion, high rents and rates, the increasing obsolescence of machinery and the advent of computerized technology, which might be more successfully installed in purpose-built accommodation.

Newspapers might also find it mutually beneficial to be once more grouped in the same area, instead of being dispersed, as at present, from their traditional home. The docklands offer the advantage of being 20 per cent. relatively close to central London, while offering room to expand at much lower cost.

Mr Hugh Lawson, deputy general manager of The Daily Telegraph, said yesterday that the present intention was only to print southern editions of the paper and The Sunday Tele-

By Our Planning Reporter The prospect of a new "Fleet Street one day emerging in the London docklands has been boosted by the news that The Daily Telegraph has purched a five-scre size in Wapping Lane. Since News International, publishers of the News of the World and The Sun, amounced last year their intention to move

making inquiries.

Several factors make the

graph in Wapping. Site clearance and construc tion would take some years, and editorial, advertising and ad-ministrative offices would remain in Fleet Street for the

Train drivers could not do job if they stuck to rule book, inquiry is told

British Rail drivers would happened in October last year not be able to do their jobs if when a Glasgow-Aberdeen extrain crash inquiry yesterday.

Mr John Walker, Scottish hit the back of a Glasgow-Secretary of the Associated Dundee local train that had Society of Locomotive En-

Mr John Walker, Scottish Secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive En-gineers and Firemen, the footplatemen's union, made his claim at the end of a fatal scrident inquiry at Dundee Sheriff Court into a crash in which five people died and 52 were injured.

Dr Walker told the inquiry: they looked at the rule book as it has to be interpreted, then the job would stop. Only when something goes wrong do we get the rule book quoted. "When it does not, the rule book is kept nice and dusted and the job continues. Only when something goes wrong is

The crash, near Invergowrie

to 20% pay claim

BR will reply next week

Negotiations on pay for have argued so far that British 180,000 British Rail workers are Rail's medium to long term pro-

make an offer in response to a rate from the present talks.

outside

expected to begin in earnest next week when British Rail will

claim for rises of not less than

The three rail unions yester-

day formally presented their

claim for increases due from

next month. Ministers are

watching negotiations in the

hope that a settlement will avert

what they see as the last big threat in the present pay round to industrial peace in the public

British Rail faces the pros-

pect of containing costs within a cash limit of £750m in the next

financial year and it would like

sionss in return for wage rises.

to extract productivity conces- more

By Our Labour Staff

Mr Robert Duncan, aged 60, the express train driver, of Tay-port, near Dundee, and his assistant, Mr William Hume, aged 20, of Dundee, were killed.

The inquiry heard that, after the crash, the signal was found to be raised at an angle of be-tween 6 and 8 degrees above the horizontal. Mr Frederick Walmsley, British Rail's Scottish regional operations manager, said that an angle of anything below 371 should be regarded by drivers as an imperfect or "wrong"

signal, and under the rules they

Questioned by Mr Walker, he

The rail unions, however

posals for radical improvements in productivity should be sepa-

It is unofficially estimated that BGritish Rail will find it difficult to offer more than

about 14 per cent without progress being made on producti-

consider important.

vity improvements that they

the board yesterday that rises of between 35 and 50 per cent

would be needed to bring pay up to the "real" levels of 1975.

But they are known to regard

rises matching those of about and power supply workers as a
20 per cent given to the miners
more realistic minimum
demand.

The rail unions estimated to

should stop and report it.

day inquiry, Mr Walker said: "There is conflict about the angularity of the signal.

"But let us understand the driver went into that section in the belief that the signal was in a position he interpreted as being an off (clear) position."
Mr Walmstey told the in-quiry that British Rail had carried out a nationwide survey of signals after the crash. He said the signal concerned was found to have a damaged crank which could have caused it to be a slightly "cocked". A device to overcome that dif-ficulty had been fitted to the

and to others found The sheriff will deliver his judgment later.

Cable clip may have caused bridge accident From Our Correspondent Hull

Government factory inspectors believe the Humber Bridge accident was caused by the failure of a clip joining two cables, but why the clip parted has stall to be determined.

Mr Robert Wood, project director of the £125m construction, agreed with the inspec-tors yesterday that the failure of the clip was the most likely possibility but said the investigation was continuing.

The accident happened when

a 30 ton gamty was being moved along the main suspen-sion cables on the north bank side span. The gamery fell 250ft to the foreshore, punching a large hole in two 140 ton road box sections on the way. Four men were hurt, but none seriously.

throughout the ye they would have their kneecess. used the same route previously. terday decided no concerted actio executives have m

Weather forecast and recordings

moderate ; max temp 10° to 12°C (50° to 54°F).
Channel Islands : Becoming

Today Sun sets: Sun rises : 6,50 am 6.50 am 7.24 pm Moon sets: Moon rises; 4.46 am 2.11 pm Full moon: March 31. Lighting up: 7.54 pm to 6.17 am. High Water: London Bridge, 10.45 am, 6.0m; 11.24 pm, 5.9m; Avoamouth, 3.53 am, 9.8m; 4.48 pm, 10.1m; Dover, 8.38 am, 5.2m; 9.6 pm, 5.4m; Hull, 3.16 am, 5.6m; 3.42 pm, 5.6m; Liverpook, 8.37 am, 7.4m; 9.17 pm, 7.5m. Lake District, Borders, NE, NW, and central N England, N Wales, Edinburgh, Danniee, Glasgow, Moray Firth, central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland, Ireland, Isle of Man: Sunny Intervals, occasional showers, heavy at times with perhaps hall and munder, sleet or snow on high ground, frost and mist or fog patches in places; who S or SW, light or moderate; usax temp 5° to 11°C (48° to 52°F).

Aberdeen, NE Scrittond: Rother

Pressure will remain low to NW of Scotland, while a shallow depression is expected to move east into N France. Forecasts from 6 am to midnight London, SE and central S England: Scattered showers mostly dying out, sunny intervals becoming rather cloudy; wind S, light becoming variable; max temp 10° to 12°C (50° to 54°F).

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Midlauds, East Anglia, E England, S Wales: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, some heavy; wind S or SW light or ground; wind SE, fresh or strong, WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: C. rain; s, sun; sh, showers; sn, snow.



Chennel Islands: Becoming cloudy, rain at times; wind S light or moderate, backing E; max temp 12°C (54°F).

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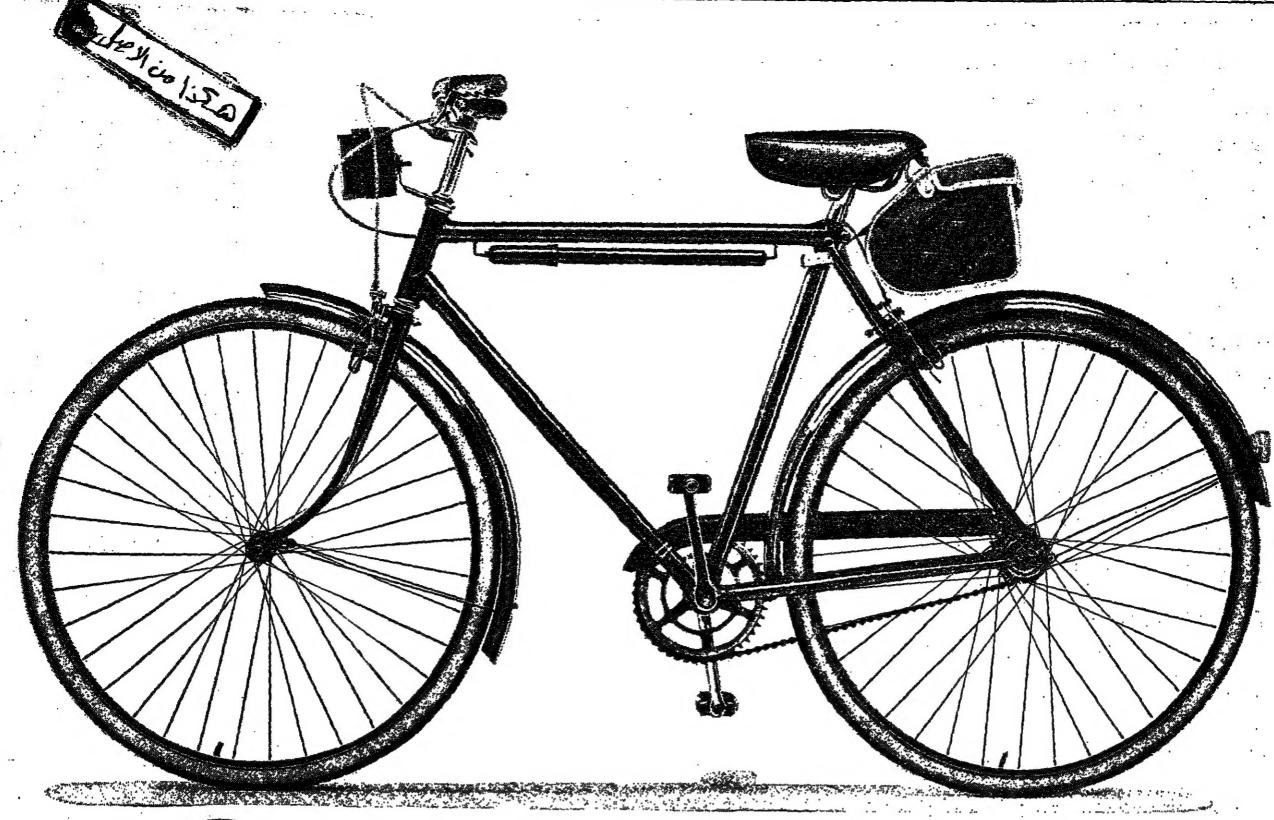
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Inquest witness says he saw police officers club and kick James Kelly shortly before death

broken tooth.

Mr Carman identified Con-

Constable Browning as

stable Evans as the man who first went over to Mr Kelly

the other officer. He offered

Earlier during submissions

Mr Carman, for the four offi-cers, said he was not prepared to release copies of their state-

ments but there was no ques-

tion of concealment because

they were prepared to answer questions on their evidence.

ner, said that arrangements were in hand for the jury to

visit at night the waste ground where Mr Kelly was arrested.

Mr Ronald Lloyd, the coro-

From David Nicholson-Lord

A wimess at the inquest on James Kelly, the Liverpool man who died last year in police custody, said yesterday that he saw Mr Kelly punched, kicked and clubbed by police officers half an hour before his death.

Mr Francis Keegan, who said he watched Mr Kelly being arrested by police officers from a block of flats, said he had seen no signs of aggresive behavious from Mr Kelly. He had not shouted at the policemen or struck them, Mr

Mr Keegan, a labourer, of Woolfall Heights, Huyton, which overlooks the waste which overlooks the waste ground where Mr Kelly was arrested, said he was in the bedroom of his thirteenth floor flat at about midnight on June 20 last when he heard "the sound of a man singing who appeared to be drunk".

When he saw it was only a drunk he went back to bed, but returned to the open window, when he heard a police car engine revving. The car drove

He said Mr Kelly was near bushes on the waste ground and one of the policemen held out his arm in a friendly manner to coax him towards the car, saying: "Come on, Blue".

When they got Mr Kelly near the car one of the policemen put his arm over his throat as if to stop him being violent. The officers forced Mr Kelly against the far side of the car. "I could not see properly what was going on", Mr Keegan added.

Suddenly Mr Kelly went down strike them. Mr Carman said after a sharp leg movement by there would be evidence that one of the policemen and rolled an officer had suffered a over further out from the car, he continued. "I could see both officers were punching the man with their firts while he was

lying on the ground ". One of the policemen went to the boot of the police car. When he came back I could see him clubbing the man as though he was hitting him with something, but I could not make out whether he had anything in his hand or not, Mr Keegan

There was a sound like two blocks of wood being knocked together. Mr Kelly was groaning and was hunched up as though trying to evoid the blows. "The police officers were kicking him and beating him."

After Mr Kelly was "man-neuwed" into the back of the car by the officers, Mr Keegan said he had to answer the door of his flat to a neighbour. When he returned to the window Mr Kelly was outside the car again

This time, however, it was not so bad". The officers were moving Mr Kelly around with their feet. He appeared to be unconscious and was not making any noise.

A police van arrived and Mr Kelly was put ioside it. The van and police car drove off in different directions. In reply to Mr George Carman, QC, for the Police Federation and four officers, Mr Keegan said he did not see Mr Kelly bang the Panda car with his fists or shout that he would fight the officers or

Mr Quinn said it must have seen "near enough to 11.45

pm" when he last saw Mr Kelly who had been in quite a happy mood and "quite cap-able of getting himself home".

Mr Carman said that there would be evidence that Mr Kelly was seen flar on his back on the waste ground and that when the police were called he was in a crawling position.

to bring PC Evens into court for identification but Mr Keegan said he would not be able to recognize him. He got up and attacked the Panda car by "banging violently on it like a drunken man enraged by the sight of a police car". Mr Quinn said it was a very

Earlier during submissions at the start of the hearing, a request by Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, for the family of Mr Kelly, for the release of a scientist's report on Mr Kelly as well as statements made by the police officers involved, was rejected by counsel for the Police Federation and Mr Kenneth Oxford, the Chief Constable of Meragustide. different picture from that of the quiet and frinedluy man he had left outside the Oak Tree In a statement read out by the coroner, Mrs Kathleen Strode, a housewife, of Huyton, said she had spent part of the evening of Mr Kelly's death at the Oak Tree, and had seen no ble from the corner where Mr Kelly was sitting with his friends or outside the public

> At one stage the corone Ar one stage the coroner warned members of the public among whom were leaders of the Jimmy Kelly Action Committee, of contempt proceedings. That came after Mr Carman complained of ironic laughter during his cross-examination of Mr Quinn on the latter's contact with the the latter's contact with the

house afterwards.

Later, Mr Martin Quinn, an unemployed labourer, who had been with Mr Kelly and his companions at the Oak Tree public house on the night Mr Kelly died, said there had been a jovial atmosphere at the Oak Tree, and "no aggro". He never saw a bottle of whisky on Mr Kelly. Mr Lloyd said he had the powers to impose fines or com-mit to prison for contempt. He added: "It is my intention that this inquiry should be con-ducted with dignity and decorum and the degree of respect that is due to the

Charge for blood processing proposed

ing charging private hospitals for the processing and handling of blood, Sir George Young, Under-Secretary of State for Social Services, told the standing committee on the Health-Services Bill yesterday.

But the idea was immediately attacked by Mr Albert Alfred Dubs, Labour MP for Wandsworth, Battersea, South. He said it was undesirable and an example of how private practice National Health Service.

The Press Association repor

red earlier yesterday that the Government was considering making private patients in the blood they were given. But Sir George told the committee later that there could be no question of charging private patients in MHS or private hardless i vate hospitals for blood.

The DHSS was Looking at the feasibility of charging private hospitals for the processing and handling of blood, "There is no question of blood being denied to those who are ill and need it", he said. "Indeed, some blood donors might become private patients, and it would be quite wrong either to deny them blood, or to charge them

£4m silver gang well prepared for hijacked haul

Police kept in dark on consignment

The builion raiders escaped with nearly f4m in silver on Monday were better organized than some of their predecessors. In a similar raid some years ago the raiders came unprepared for the weight of their hand. It was so awkward to manhandle that when the police arrived they found many ngots left by the roadside.

For the average ingot is not designed for handy transportation. Normally it weighs 1,000 troy ounces apiece and measures 12 to 13in long by 5in deep and 3in across. Each carries the mark of the melter and assayer, plus a quality mark and the individual sign, or chop", of a company.

The London Silver Market, the London Metal Exchange and representatives of the international market handle sliver bullion. It is impossible to cal-culate the volume, or value, of such traffic through their hands at any one time.

The only published clue is the weekly figure for silver in stock in the London Metal Exchange's official warehouses. At the end of last week the figure was 15 million troy ounces, worth about £159m. There are no figures for gold boldings. How much bullion is in gran-

sit at any one time is also difficult to gauge. Within the City of London both cash and metal are constantly being moved throughout the day. The Bank of England has its own security unit and cooperates with police

forces in areas through which consignments travel.

Each police force provides its own guard for the duration of the consignment's transportation through its area, and

City police officers stay with Most commercial builion loads are handled by one specialist security company, which yesterday refused to make any comment on Mon-day's rabbery or its own methods. But the company is

In the past few years all manner of technology has been harnessed by the security industry to repulse the growing number of attacks. Armour and radio contact are among the minimum techniques used by firms like Securicor which handle £40,000m in cash each

Swift, surprise attacks have become the main tactic of the robber gangs who have found it increasingly difficult to attack static sites equipped with complex defences. Their main chance of success arises when money is being unloaded or loaded, or while it is in

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raiders can afford year ago silver was a third of its curren At Barking not only was there raiders struck at a

Peer backs call for sugar cuts

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

Support for substantial cuts in British sugar output came vesterday from a former agriculture minister. Lord Clodwyn of Peurhos said that cuts planned by the European Commission were "generally sound". Lord Cledwyn, as Mr Cled-

wyn Hughes, was Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in the Wilson Government in 1968. The EEC Commission glen to cut British beet sugar output by almost a third is supposed by Mr Peter Walker, ite present minister.

Lord Cledwyn supported the plan in a pamphlet written by him and Sir Bernard Braine, Conservative MP for Essex, South East and published by The pamphlet defends the continued preferential access to

Britain of more than a million tons a year of caue sugar from developing countries. Mr Richard Body, Conservative MP for Holland with Bosman of the forum said yesterday that growers in Africa and the West Indies were suffering because the EEC was dumping its sur-

plus beet sugar on world mar-

kets at low prices subsidized

by European taxpayers. He believed that EEC production of beet was excessive while output of cane in developing countries needed to be afeguarded.

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Protest over changes in home help policy

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent

Thousands of the poorest elderly and disabled people will be forced to pay for their home helps under a government policy change being implemented this month. But they will still be able to get cash help if they employ private home belps provided by local

Disability organizations and local euthority associations are protesting strongly at the change. Mr Alfred Morris, Labour MP for Wythenshawe and minister with special responsibility for the disabled in the last government, forecast last night that it would mean many more severely dissibled people going into institutions, at greater cost to the public, because they could not afford

The change affects people receiving supplementary benefits they cannot manage about. At present, most receive help free, but those whose local councils charge a flat rate for home helps receive a weekly addition to their benefits to cover half or threequarters of the cost.

The new Social Security Bill. due to receive Royal Assent in May and to take effect in November, proposes new regulations to stop extra supplementary benefit to pay for local for private domestic services.
The change, however, has already been implemented in a policy decision by the Supplementary Benefits Commission to stop more people claiming help before the Bill takes tffect.

A number of local authorities were planning to introduce flat rate charges from April 1 to raise extra money without im-posing high charges on supple-mentary benefit claimants.

Under the existing system, if every local authority in England and Wales had introduced such a charge they could collectively gain an extra £10m a year to offset cuts, according to estimates by Mr Brian Roycoft secretary of the Associacroft, secretary of the Associa-tion of Directors of Social Ser-

But Mrs Lynda Chalker, Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, said in a parliamentary written answer yesterdey to Mr Morris that the Government wanted to avoid "illusory public expenditure savings" where local authorities gained revenue at the control of control authorities and revenue at the control of control authorities. the expense of central govern-ment expenditure through the supplementary benefits scheme. The committion had therefore decided to stop paying any further additions to weekly benefits for home help services

People already receiving them would continue to do so "at least until November". Mrs Chalker estimated that the cost to local authorities of

withdrawing the supplementary benefit subsidy for home helps would be about £140,000 a year, based on the present number of recipients of 18,000.

Mrs Thatcher urged to halt 'cruel policy'

By Our Social Services

The Prime Minister was urged last night to reconside her "callous, unjust and cruel policy" towards the unemployed in an ove of the Budget appeal by Youthaid, the youth unemployment charity.

Cutting unemployment benefits would both worsen the poverty of the jobless and increase bitterness and social conflict, the organization said. "It is suggested that you will describe this as a "work incen-tive Budget", Miss Clare Short, director of Youthaid, said in her letter to Mrs Thatcher. "They really does appear to be a very cruel joke when at the

same time Government policies make it inevitable that we will experience a large rise in un-

The Government was planning services on the basis of an expected rise in memployment to nearly two million by the end of 1981, Miss Short said. Mrs Thatcher therefore knew that individuals would become unemployed through no fault of their own, yet "you intend pur-posely and consciously to increase their poverty."

Proposals to end the earnings related supplement, which was pail to only one sixth of the unemployed and could never exceed 85 per cent of the previous year's wages, would in no way increase work incentions. tives. But they would increase the poverty and bitterness of people thrown out of their jobs after having worked and paid their national insurance contributions for many years.

Headmaster charged

The headmaster of Sidoup Hill Primary School, London, appeared in court yesterday charged with indecently assault-ing two girls aged 10 ond 11. Roy Lucas Benrose, aged 51, of Longlands Road, Sideup was remanded on bail by Berley magistrates.

Dutch pork imports for Britain

Imports of Dutch pork to Britain will be allowed for the first time next month, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fish-eries and Food said yesterday. British Covaryment exteriors British Government veterinary inspectors have given the Dutch pig industry a clean bill of health at a time of extreme political sensitivity in the EEC about barriers in the food trade. Ministry veterinary inspectors said yesterday that it was now safe to allow imports of Dutch pork because there had been no disease in the Netherlands for

tical significance of Dutch imports will be considerable.

scrupulously by EEC rules. The ministry does not want to prejudice its case against the French ban on imports of British lamb.

anxious to defend Britain's rules for milk, which ensure that none can be imported except at prohibitive prices. The miinstry has received a letter from the European Commission asking the British Government to justify within 30 days the rules that keep imported milk

British law requires milk sold here to be packed in a dairy aproved by a local authority in this country. That law, which is opposed by continental dairies, makes milk imports uneconomic. The British Government will

invoke Article 36 of the Treaty of Rome in its defence of the milk rules. That allows EEC countries to impose national controls where no Community rule operates. There is no such rule for the harmonization of milk heakh regulations.

Manx customs pact stands The Isle of Man takeover of

its customs service next Tues-day will bring no noticeable change, the Manx Government made clear yesterday. The agreement keeping Manx and British customs duties in line still stands.

But traders will no longer send value-added tax to Britain, and VAT variations on non-exportable local services will: be

By Hugh Clayton

many years.

Dutch farmers have increased their share of the British bacon

their share of the British oacon trade in recent years and are now keen to gain a footbald in the pork market.

Most of the pork that they send to Britain will go to tinned mear factories and the economic impact of Dutch sales is expected to be small. The political significance of Dutch

Britain has been careful throughout long negotiations with Dutch authorities to abide The Government is also

injury, and 700 die in fires; with those statistics the Design Council yesterday set out to show that when people are ar home they are anything but The council was launching an exhibition at the Design Centre, Haymarket, London, to encour-age people to take safety and security at home seriously. Fires cost the insurance industry £30m a year, and burglaries in 1978 netted £63m in pro-

· With forethought, a little expenditure, and tougher legis-lation the figures could be sharply cut, the council said. Accidents in the home claim as many lives as road crashes, and six times more than fatal accidents at work, where the Health and Safety at Work Act

Poor product design is responsible for many accidents, and architects often make burglary easier, for example, by exhibition, dete designing house entrances for ures to be taken privacy, making it easier for ment available.

Six thousand people are burglars to work unobserved. ome The council points to the in other countries, insisting on safety glass in doors: 1,500 children aged five to nine are must as a result each year. Twenty children a year die in falls from "pivot" windows, architects still specify "plankstyle" banisters that children can fall through, and ladders without "non-slip" feet, often had to accidents

the National Trust at a cost of £10,000.

The steam yacht Gondola, built in 1859, on Coniston Water yesterday after being res

head to accidents.

There are 500,000 fires at home a year, many caused by children playing with matches, frayed wiring on electrical appliances, chip pans and cigarettes.

A simple smoke detector can be bought for £11 to £15, although the council is having to wait for a British made version to go into production, and small fire extinguishers can save life and property. The council has published a book, Safety and Security in the Home, at £3.75, to go with the exhibition, detailing the meas-ures to be taken and the equip-

Exhibition seeks to promote Carpet dealers' hopes greater safety in the home swept from under then By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent The London carpet dealers' lopes of securing a valuable

abique Tursoman for a song were dashed when it sold for £19,000 at Phillips yesterday. The Saryk carpet with regular geometric gale on a brick red field (3.27 by 2.55 on a brick red field (3.27 by 2.55 metres) had been estimated by Phillips at £2,000-£3,000; unfortunately for those in the trade who knew that it was worth more than this a very similar carpet than this a very similar carpet came up in a FB \$4 section in New York last Wednesday and sold for \$30,000 (£13,600).

The autotometrs were thus

The auctioneers were alterted and incressed their atterted and increased their reserve on the piece. In the event
most of London's carpet trade
were in evidence palpitating with
excitement and a few others from
overseas. The carpet was bought
by one of Phillips staff bidding
on behalf of a German private collector. Phillips carpet expert commented: "If he had been in the
room and they had seen who was
bidding. I expect the trade would bidding, I expect the trade would have run him up ', By this he meant that they would have gone on bidding against him to ensure that he made an expensive

purchase.

The sale of furniture and carpets included a set of 26 Rgency manogany dining chairs at £10,500 (estimate £5,000-

III mahogany library same price (estim £5,000). Both sets we Williamson and are the South Americ £160,000 with 12 per In both London and

In London yesterday tant spring sale of I and modern pictures ing totalled £1,113,420

The Museum of Sc tans launched a sucter operation at Christie's sington yesterday \
secured for £5,000
£3,000-£5,000) a full
gentleman's dress of

Rescuers find bodies of two Grampian climbers

experienced they failed to return, rescuers climbers were found dead by rescuers yesterday after a birthday tragedy in the Grampian

Miss Lynn Brown and Mr Neil McCallum started their climb in the mountains above Braemar last Thursday, and were due back on Sunday, Miss Brown's 24th birthday, When

were alerted, and their bodies, still roped together were found in a corrie on the slopes of Locknager. They had fallen aimost 300ft. Mr McCallum, aged 23, of Gratton Place, Fraserburgh,

Grampiau, appeared to have been killed in the fall. His com-panion, of St ttAttndrews Road, Largoward, Fife, had died of

exposure after struggling into part-time instructor." her survival bag. The couple were friends from their days at Aberdeen University, wehre Neil was president of the climbing club.

MI Brown's only of Grant, died 10 years motor cycle accident, "Grant's death was Mr Brown said, "no

Lynn's father, Mr Jack have to start life Brown, said: "We do not know again." what thappened to Lynn and Neil. They were experienced climbers. Lynn had been on training courses, and was a

About 30 people and a helicopter were in the search. The bo discovered just before

Musical jewel in Manchester needs £1.5m

From John Chartres

An appeal for £1.5m needed to develop parts of Chetham's School of Music was launched School of Music was launched yesterday and was given an immediate incentive by the announcement of a grant of £250,000 from Greater Manchester County Council and of a "generous" donation from the Prince of Wales. The total has reached £400,000, although the sum given by the Prince was not disclosed.

Chetham's founded in 1653

Chetham's, founded in 1653 in a priests' college beside what is now Manchester Cathedral with money left in the will of Humphrey Chetham, functioned as a bluecoats orphan school linked with the cathedral choir

It became an independent grammar school until 1969, when a far-sighted decision was made by the governors and feoffees (trustees) in exploit its musical traditions and turn it into a school catering exclusively for children with exceptional musical gifts.

600 applications have been made annually for 40 available places. This year pupils have won one national television competition, one international radio competition, and four of them are finalists in the BBC's Young Musician of the Year One of the difficulties created

is that it has become an interor even a north of England institution, and there are now 165 boarders to 90 day pupils (it became coeducational in 1969). One of the main purposes of the appeal is to provide funds for the conversion of the old Manchester Grammar School building that stands on one side of the quadrangle into living accommodation for boarders, gency rather than any political.
The mid-nineteeuth century attitudes on the part of local building was acquired a few authorities. years ago in something of a bargain deal with Manchester

develop parts of an adjoining railway hotel acquired in 1969

City Council.

the concert hall; and eventually to set up an outdoor pursuits centre somewhere on the moors to give occasional breathing space for hard-working scholars normally living in the heart of a crowded and noisy city. Chetham's receives no money directly from central govern-

ment and most of its pupils by the school's recent success depend upon discretionary grants from local education authorities for places that in net terms cost £3,700 a year. Sixty-four local education authorities between Orkney and Devon support children at the Mr John Vallins, the head-

master, said yesterday that discretionary grants were becoming harder to obtain, but he blamed general financial strin-The £3,700 fee was higher

than that for Eton, but he said into music rooms; to improve the latter comparison was fairer almost alongside.

dren at Chetham's also required individual teaching and coaching, albeit for much happier reasons than those applying at other types of specialist schools. One difficulty was in persuad-

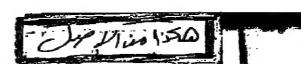
ing local authorities to offer discretionary grants to children under 11 years of age, but it was most important to deal with musically gifted children from the age of eight if possible. Chetham's, with its golden seventeenth century stonework,

a particularly exciting place to visit in the heart of workaday Manchester, since much of the industrial dereliction and poor quality building surrounding it is being cleared and the best of the remaining buildings, includ-ing the facade of Victoria Station, are being cleaned. That area of the city with the cathedral as its centrepiece is Money is also needed to other specialist schools, such as and beauty, in sharp contrast to twelop parts of an adjoining those catering for the blind or the hideousness of the recently ilway hotel acquired in 1969 the handicapped. He thought completed shopping precinct.

Bans on lorr 'will cost £75m this ye By Our Transport Bans on lorries for

reasons will cost f year, all of which mu-ally be added to the goods, the Freight Association said yest About 400 such bas operation of which, the tion says, the most co is the Windsor which benefits some at the expense of ot is still subject of 2 the Court of Appeal. tions for bans are bei at a rate of 2,000 a Mr Malcolm Banks, ciation's president. Wakefield last night Yorkshire a lorry bar AS8 trunk road was £1.5m a year while resi the adjoining A6s clamouring for similar.

It added up to a p
local authorities of true
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made £484,021 at Museum, Laren, on h 44 per cent of this tot-ing unsold lots. Ric paid the top price guilders (£15,217) for Beerstraten village ste

cent unsold. The perce have been even high

Essex boats:

Angry Essex fishermen yes-

terday defied a government ban on herring fishing and in-

day they plan to dump their catch on the Ministry of Agri-culture's doorstep as a protect.

The fishermen, from Watt Mersea, near Colchester, 71 is fines of f50,000 and confiscation of their boats and ness by

One of the men, Mr Julin Jowers, aged 34, said: "If we cannot fish they might just us well take away our boats. They are already taking away our livelihoods."

The protesters, representing 16 full-time skippers and crews based on Mersea Island, set our

in secret early yesterday to

the ministry men say, we know that stocks are plentiful and

we see no reason why forcign fish should be imported where there are fishermen kicking

Mr Jowers said: "Whatever

landing their catch.

defy ban

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tion group set up by rents who blame ug for birth defects

Services Correspondent ats who think their childrth defects were caused drug Debendox taken pregnancy have formed on committee to try to

up met Mr Jack Ashley, MP for Stoke on Trent, yesterday at the House mons to set up the com-The parents intend to ether the 70 people who written to Mr Ashley the drug and arrange sated action.

Valerie Alexander, who ected chairman of the tee and whose fifth child, was born with half an ssing, said that her chief was to prevent any woman or child from

committee would have to

emergency meeting of the Committee on the Safety of Medi-cities to overhauf drug surveil-lauce in Britain, which he called grossly inadequate".

Ht said: "There have been no less than 65,000 adverse reactions to drugs over the past 17 years, involving 1.700 drugs. "Yet only 14 yellow warnings have been isued by the safety commuttee, and the com-

mittee has admitted that only 10 per cent of all advers reactions are reported to them. He thought the total of 65,000 was a "guessimate" by the De-partment of Health and Social Security, which had supplied from with the figure in a parlia-

mentary answer. Richardson-Merrell said yesterday that the Florida decision was not a victory for the peoplt who sued because they were not awarded any damages, only \$20,000 for medical expenses.

"The issue is one of such complexity that it can only be in a child

shey also called for an order to considered by an archority with the right expertise. It makes no sense to have it tried in public on an emotional basis. One does not know what other drugs the mothers took."

Museum of heraldry to open at Tower

By Ian Bradley
Visitors to the Tower of London next week will have a new attraction, a heralds' museum, which has been established in the old Waterloo Barracks, near

the White Tower. The museum, which is being opened officially today by the Duke of Kent, is the idea of Sir Anthony Wagner, Clarenceux King of Arms, and until 1978, Garrer King of Arms, head of the College of Arms,

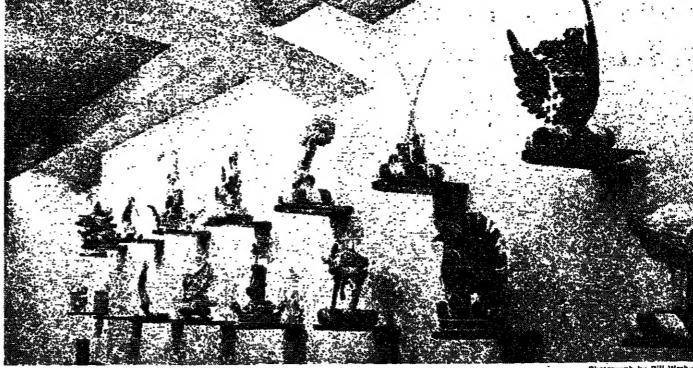
the College of Arma.

Sir Anthony said yesterday that the idea of establishing a museum of heraldry went back to 1933 when as a pursuivant (junior herald) he was searching through the cellars of the college to find items for an exhibition to mark its 450th anniversary. "Some of the objects I found are at last on display here today," he said.

Originally the heralds hoped Originally the heralds hoped to establish a museum next to the college in Queen Victoria

velopment of heraldry from its origins in the twelfth century. It includes examples of the tabards which are still worn by

street but that proved impos-



Crests of Knights of the Garter on display in the Heralds' Museum of the Tower of London.

work as well as of their past

Lieutenant-Colonel

John Slickespeare, father of the "Heraldry in England has not been indissolubly linked with the nobility as it has in other Dennys, Somerset Herald of Arms and deputy director of European countries?, he said. "It has been far more a way of the truseum, wants it to be a record of the heralds' present symbolizing someone who has

College of Arms is alive and kicking whereas many of our

achieved a certain eminence and those who have bought entrance position in life. Therefore the tickets to the Tower.

colleagues abroad are social fossils

The museum will be open every day from April 1 to September 30. Admission is free to

their beels at home." The fishermen blame the ministry and the Government for bowing to Common Marked pressure to ban herring fishing. But they claim that constituental boats are netting more like in bases are netting more with the constituent of the constituent fish in a week than the islanders carch in a year.

A Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food spokesman, commented: "We shall not be helping fishermen if we allow] stocks to dwindle to nothing a matters worse for everyone matters worse for everyone."
Hull landings: For the first time for more than two months trawlers will land fish at Hull for Easter as a result of the docks board announcing that catches will be handled at a new low rate of £12.63 a tonne.

Ship have been diverted to Ships have been diverted to other ports because landing charges at Hull were considered too high.

en:

ts Council aid increased line with higher grant

Arts Council is to pay rage, 13.5 per cent more organizations it supports result of the £11m or 1980-81 of 170m.

ugb that rise in the was described as 20 per he council insists that rcentage should have

ato account the fim cut

year's figure, and the pecial grants for Covent

just over 13 per cent.
There is also a deficit from last year of between £6m and

The council never gives details of individual grants, but they are frequently made on a swings-and-roundabouts basis, a client receiving proportionately less one year than another, either because another is more deserving, or because private sponsorship has improved. Dismissed director awarded £8,940

at Shrewsbury resterday. Mr Belok, managing director of Silhousite (Salon) Ltd. and Within two months reassuring workers at five Shropshire factories that their jobs were safe after a acknower, a 530,000-a-year managing director was called to the new owners' headquarters and told rice chairman of its parent company, Silhouette (London) Ltd., swimwear manufacturers,

he was dismissed.
"I thought I had been called to a sales meeting but they said I was being dismissed because our style did not mix well". Mr Frank Belok, eged 60, of Sutton Road, Shrewsbury, told en industrial cribunal which up-

Mr Belok said Silhoustre (London) Ltd was taken overlast August by W. L. Pawson and Son Ltd, a Leeds-besed firm of clothing manufacturers. Since his dismissal two of the Shropshire factories, at Telford and Market Drayton, had closed Mr. Michael Baker, coursed

Ltd. swimwear monutacturers, was awarded £8,940, including a maximum award of £5,750.

heralds on state occasions, 70 shields painted with the arms of

former heralds, and a large collection of crests of Knights of the Garter which were form-erly in St George's Chapel,

Among the manuscripts on display are a grant of arms to

Mr Michael Baker, counsel for Mr Belok, said Mr Belok was contemplating a High Court He had been with the com-pany for 35 years.

"This is one of the unaccept-able faces of capitalism that we bear of from time to time". Mr Anthony Gordon, chairman of the Tribunal, said. claim for damages for wrongful dismissal but the issue of a writ had been deferred pending talks with the new owners The company was not repre-sented at the meeting.

Mr Scargill to give evidence

National Union of Mineworkers, said yesterday that he would give evidence on picketing to the employment committee of the House of Commons on

There had been doubt that Mr Scargill would attend the hearing because of his objec-tion to being limited to answer-ing questions instead of making a full statement.

But Mr Scargill said yester-day: "Following a special meet-

Mr Arthur Scargill, president ing of the employment com-of the Yorkshire area of the minee I was contacted by telephone last night and subsequently received a telegram this morning.

> "The terms of the telegram and relephone conversation indicate that the committee have now reverted to their original invitation which will allow me an intial oral submission in response to the general points raised in their correspondence.

"This will cover all aspects of picketing and the Employ-ment Bill currently before

ell's Angel gets 15 years and alge gives warning on violence

Dur Correspondent

Tustice Sheldon passed: e at Winchester Crown vesterday on 24 Hell's for their part in a clash I chapters in the New last Easter.

judge said: "If you yourselves to be above and able to do as you you are wrong, particu-you think that the warfare that has been d in this case will be d. The lesson I intend I will be a lesson to that

11-week trial 24 .nts were convicted of assembly and five were acquitted. It was hat Windsor Chapter of sels was attacked after ied to join other chap-an all-England chapter. uns and other weapons sed and Richard Sharsed 32, president of the Chapter, was left for fter he had been shot imes, once in the head, .45 pistol by an unkown

udge said he hoped that itterness among rival would not lead to vio-le added: "If it does it oride one more demonunreality of the claim that the Hell's Angels are a peaceful, law-abiding and worthwhile

Any who may be convicted of raking part is any violence that may occur can expect little if any leniency from any court."
Earlier, the judge said no
one would have any criticism of
the Hell's Angels if their objects were to promote motor cycling, give legitimate help to members and support charitable affairs, as they had sometimes

"If your organization or any or its branches or chapters have acquired an unsavoury reputa-ticu, it is because you have gone ed terms of imprison-15 years' jail for one combat such as that demon-physical of attempted stranged in the course of this combat such as that demon-strated in the course of this case, which shows little or to regard for ordinary civilized behaviour or for others beside yourselves.

Kenneth Littlefield, aged 25, vice-president of the Wessex Chapter, who was said to have shouted "shoot him", had been convicted by the juny of attempting to murder Mr Sharman, and rictous assembly.

Sentencing Mr Limbefield, of Wanbledon Close, Camberley, Surrey, to 15 years' imprisonment on the attempted murder charge, and 10 years, to run concurrently on the riot charge, Mr Justice Sheldon said: "You are sufficiently intelligent to understand that riot or gang warfare of such proportions as disclosed in this case, particu-larly when firearms are used,

will not be tolerated in a civilized society. The 23 convicted of riotous assembly and their sentences were: Paul McLean, aged 25, of Orchard Street, Rainham, Kent (five years' imprisonment): David Baytock, aged 30, of Cadbury Heath, Bristol, and Peter Lske, aged 31, of Camberley, Surrey (five years); Gerald Edmund, agted 28, of no fixed address, Paul Hatch, aged 25, of Warburton Road, Southampton, Pater Hickey, ared 29, of Baker Street, Reading, and John Howarth, aged 28, of Ringwood Road, Ash, Surrey (all four years); Stephen Gill, aged 28, of Gravesland Park, Wokingham, Berkshire (33 years). Gravesland Park, W. Berkshire (3) years).

Peter Howson, aged 30, of Heathlands Rise, Dartford, Keut; George Asher, aged 29, of Chest-Blackwater, Har

mit Close, Blackwater, Hamoshire: Stephen Bunney, aged 24, of Wimpson Lane, Southampton: Kevin Cannon, aged 23, of Donegal Close, Caversham, Berkshire: Harold Hein, aged 24, of Ludlow Road, Southampton: and Stephen Waterman, aged 22, of Park Road, Southampton (three years). Terry Jerome, aged 28, of Mount Pleasant, Basinestoke: Christopher Pitman, aged 26, of Field Road. Reading (two years): Gerald Prosser, aged 25, of Peveril Road, Southampton; Ian Turver, aged 24, of the same address, and Stephen Tauner, aged 24, of Hardland Road, Reading (15 months).

morths)
James James, aged 23, of Hayburn Road, Southampton, and Stephen Willingham, aged 22, of Greenwood Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire (six months); Peter Asmon, aged 25, of York Road, Aldershoe (18 months, suspended for two years); and Graham Maler, aged 18, of Wincanton Road, Reading (six months, suspended for two years).

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ere investigating a com-that Captoin Mark Phil-:ked an unruly horse in s during a cross country t Sherston, near Malmes-Wiltsbire, over a fort

Supt Stanley Ashley at Chippenham police that Princess husband had not been swed yet in connexion complaint from Mrs yke, aged 58, of Havant Hayling Island, Hamp-

Pyke said yesterday thet nade a statement to police on the day ofter eged incident after she newspaper photographs. id she had been involved nal welfare for 40 years. they use.

Football ground ban on boy extended indefinitely

Aldershot Football Club won its fight yesterday to have a supporter banned from its ground. When its case against a boy aged 16 came before Alder-County Court, the boy

the club's ban on his attendance

Meter reading and Some 300,000 sliderules were issued free yesterday by the National Cas Consumers' Council to help people read gas meters and control the amount

From Our Correspondent

agreed to the temporary injunc-tion against him entering the ground, which was granted at a previous hearing, being ex-tended indefinitely.

Mr Michael Coswey, the club secretary, agreed not to press a claim for £300 damages against the boy, who was said to have tried four times to beat

awarded costs against the boy. They may amount to £250 if they include costs incurred at a

previous bearing. The boy's father said his son might try to persuade Alder-shot Football Club to let him back into the ground in a year or two. "I have advised him to let things cool down and then write a letter of apology and maybe appear before the club committee", he said. "He has

learnt his lesson The boy was originally banned after running on to the pitch and using obscene lan

Eddystone flight

Trinity House, which con-trol Britain's lighthouses, is to build a \$50,000 helicopter landing deck at Eddystone Lighthouse, near Plymouth, to help maintenance work and the transfer of supplies.

Science report

Medicine: Alcohol and mortality

Medical Correspondent I medical Correspondent ill the wardings about the sus effects on health of an i, self-indulgent life style, he crumb of comfort for reluctant to give up their en has been the suggestion offerm desirbing may be oderate drinking may rethe risks of heart disease,
research studies have
that people who drink a
r two of wine daily seem fewer actacks of coronary osts than do total abstant:

for the orinkers, that has been put into gloomy tive by a big health re-project in Yugoslavia. A group at the Yugoslav of Chronic Diseases and enrolled more than aged 35 to 62 and

as part of a detailed examination collected information on their drinking halors. The men were denking habits. The men were kept ander observation for the next seven years. As might have been expected from earlier sudies, both fatal and non-fatal affacks of coronary thrombosis were less frequent in men who drank alcohol at least once a day. However when total deaths: drank alcohol at least once a day. However, when total deaths were analysed, the overall mortality was lowest in the men wno drank least (none claimed to be total abstainers). The reduction in regular drinkers in deaths from heart disease was more than counterbalanced by deaths from accidents and strokes. No association was found between alcohol consumption and deaths from cancer (although other studies have shown links between alcohol

and cancer of the mouth, pharyer laryux, and oesophagus)

The high mortality from stroke among the heavy drinkers seems to have been due to their raised to have been due to their raised blood pressures, which may have been due to their high consumption of alcohol. Otherwise the gridy (like most epidemiological research projects) throws little light on causation. Alcohol in moderate amounts may indeed protect against heart disease; but so long as drinkers continue to smoke more than average, have high blood pressure, and have more accidents, overall the effect of drinking seems likely to remain hazardous to health rather than a benefit.

Loncer (March 22, 1980, P 613).

Union Jack burnt by French farmers

From David Wood Strasbourg, March 25 No scenes in the Westminster precincts during recent years could compare with today's invasion of the grounds of the Palais de l'Europe in Stras-bourg by French farmers

demonstrating against any impending unfavourable deci-sions on Community farm The European Parliament, sitting to consider the commission's farm price proposals for 1980-1981, virtually emptied to watch the hundreds of farmers from all regions burst through

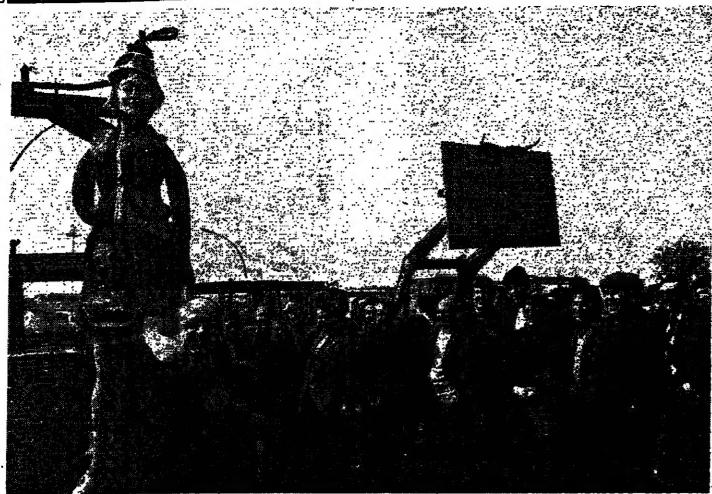
the barricades and run up against a formidable phalanx of riot police equipped with pro-tective shields, drawn batons, tear gas rifles, ordinary rifles, and fire extinguishers.

The police were highly disciplined and mobile and no serious clash occurred. But the flags of Western Europe suffered.

The frontage of the Parliament building usually flies flags of all member-states of the Council of Europe. Today they were all hauled down by the farmers, the Union Jack being the first to come down and be ceremortally burnt. Then regional names went up Then regional names went up to fly instead, the Marne and

Vaulcluse leading the way.
Britain was a special target
for the French farmers, because
Britain has taken the lead in trying to freeze farm prices, Some of the banners read: "Dehors au perfide Albion" ("Out with perfidious Albion") By chance M Pierre Pflimlin, Mayor of Strasbourg and a vicepresident of the European Farliament: was in the chair as Fritish MEPs returned from the f'ag burning ceremony to make Taylor that the Union Jack ing eve would be quickly replaced.

A British Conservative back-



French farmers protesting in Strasbourg over EEC farm prices prepare to hang an effigy of Mrs Thatcher.

beach motion was tabled before the flag did fly again, Mr David Harris (Cornwall) and several colleagues will now press to debate tomorrow a motion: "That this house deplores the failure of the French police, who were present in considerble numbers, to prevent the desecration of national flags, particularly the burning of the the European Parliment build-

ing".
Mr Harris and others considered that there was a failure by the authorities to call up hundreds of police reinforce-ments who had been surround-

vote tomorrow in favour of the Community's farm lobby, Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the commission, tressdent of the commission, today came near to showing open disgust and unconceased despair at the prospect of a general retreat from the treuches dug when MEPs rejected the 1980 budget in December. Be as brave now as you were then, he said in effect.

The Commission has proposed farm increases in 1980-1981 averaging 2.4 per cent, with a super levy penalizing excessive milk production.

The farm lobby in Parliament has proposed a 7.9 per cent average increase that is begin-

Meanwhile, amid signs that ming to attract support except the European Parliament will among British MEPs, and the among British Mars, and the Parliament's budgetary flank could easily be turned by the Council of Agricultural Ministers meeting tomorrow.

"I appeal to you," Mr Jenkins said, "in your deliberations today and in your votes tomorrow to stick firm to that concept which you formed and affirmed three months ago.

affirmed three months ago.

The Commission have made their proposals in the light of the budger's rejection. We have respected your courage and de-

termination. For your sake more than for ours, do not saw off the branch of the tree upon which in December you so in-sistently invited us to sit." Parliament had opted on the

1980 budget, as a matter of principle, for a different approach to agriculture and agriculture's place within the budget. The Community budger, Mr Jenkins said, "is bleeding to death on a surfeit of milk." Mr Finn Olay Gundelach

Commissioner for Agriculture, said that the common agricul-tural policy could collapse if they did not make the right decisions. He advised a middle course between an abrupt decline in farm incomes and treating agriculture more favourably than the rest of the economy. They must, however, tackle the agricultural sur-

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'Political will' key to **EEC** payments plan

of an adequate and acceptable solution to current problems ". That "given the political will" is of course the ke qualification that Labour MPs were

not prepared to allow Mr Lawson. Government spokesmen had no evidence to offer that any political will exists among the other eight Community members to agree the Commission's proposal for massive spending in Britain.

Whatever the domestic politi-cal dispute, the Government evidently believes it has shrewdly struck a psychological hlow for Britain in being posi-tive for once in this bitter de-bote over the budget. The document's key phrase, to official firitish minds, reveals at last and more explicitly than ever before the existence of a Com-munity "mechanism" that could channel its British spending the heads of government might

Thus, in theory, the solution for virtual elimination of the British net contribution is there for the taking.

The key paragraph of the EEC document runs as follows, with special emphasis on the last sentence, in the British

dast sentence, in the British official view: The besic concept is of a special, temporary and ad hoc action in the shape of a number of expenditure programmes within regions of the United Kingdom, which would be part-financed by the Commity. The programmes must be clearly defined and must respond not only to the aim of must be clearly defined and must respond not only to the aim of increasing United Kingdom participation in Community expenditure, Consistently with the objectives, of Community policies, but also to the general Community interest, an dio the need for convergence of its economies. From the work which the Commission has undertake non possible programmes, it is already evident that whatever resources evident that whatever resources the European Council may decide to provide for this purpose could be fully used in accordance with the principles and criteria set out-The Commission suggests that the measures should be limited perhaps to three or four years—a point arousing uo objection in Whitehall, on the assumption that such deadlines

have a way of slipping. The point here is that the Commission has been discussing for some time with British officials the kind of spending programme that could be aided. No one was disclosing which ones yesterday, but clearly there are enough around—coal development for instance—in which EEC money could be substituted for the bulk of the British portion, thus leaving them still "part financed".

This way, British receipts from the Community would rise and our "net" contriburise, and our "net" contribution fall. That would meet Mr

Russians hand

British soldiers

Bonn, March 25 .- Two young

Highland Fusiliers, were handed

over to the military police about

1 am, a Rhine Army spokesman

The two soldiers were fit

when they were returned at the East-West German border cross-

The soldiers, both from west-

ern Scotland, were based at Hemer, near Iserich. Fusilier

Oliver is from Lindwood and Fusilier Patrick from Greenock.

ing point of Helmstedt.

back two

authorities.

-Reuter.

Lawson's celebration yesterday in one radio interview that "we would not have to match these funds out of the Exchequer However the political will of the other EEC heads of government to surrender money to be spent in Britain is quite another question. As was shown yesterday in a preview of a tele-vision reenactment of the Dublin summit, to be shown next Monday on Granada's World in Action programme. leaders from France and Den-

for Britain. At one point President Giscard D'Estaing is depicted as suggesting the such ideas are "the outcome of an Anglo-British negotiation", put forward by Mr Roy Jenkins, the Commission's President, after consulting Mrs Thatther.

mark were particularly resent-ful of the idea of a special fund

Michael Hornsby writes from in London last night for the European Commission docu-ment has caused bewilderment in Brussels and other EEC capitals, mixed with hope that it might presage a more con-

ciliatory attitude. There are in fact no new pro-posals whatever. The Commission merely sirculated to member states a four-page summary of a series of proposals it had submitted to them ever the pest five months, coupled with up-dated estimates of their net budget positions in 1979 and

The document was intended to facilitate discussion at the EEC summit meeting which was to have been held here next week but has now been postponed, probably to a date in the second half of April, at the request of the Italians, who hold the EEC presidency.

Commission officials were frinkly astounded, if gratified, to hear Mr Lawson describe the document as "an important new step forward" since it contains nothing that has not been dis-cussed many times before.

Diplomats from other member states were not sure whether to attribute Mr Lawson's remarks to an uncertain grasp of EEC affairs or whether to take them as a geneuine signal of British willingness to compromise after several weeks of tension and polemics, over the budget issue. Our Diplomatic Cerrespondent, writes: The new Commission. paper was hailed as "a helpful and useful document" by the

Foreign Office.

Its significance according to ritish sources, is that it shows clearly that the whole problem of the British budgetary contribution con indeed be solved. within the framework of the Community's rules.

Legality of VAT action disputed

From Michael Hornsby

Brussels, March 25
Would Mrs Thatcher be in breach of EEC law if she with-held British payments of valueadded tax (VAT) to Brussels as she has threatened to do if she cannot get agreement on to the Community budget?
British officials have suggested that such action might not necessarily be illegal, though without adducing much evidence to support this claim. The view of legal experts in

Brussels is that Britain certainly would be breaking the Britain's obligation arises chiefly from the "own reon April 21, 1970 by the old Community of Six and inherited by the British as part of EEC law on entry in 1973.

The regulation provided that

EEC budget revenue should in future be derived from customs duties and agricultural levies on goods imported into the Community, plus the proceeds accruing from value-added tax and obtained by applying a rate not exceeding 1 per cent

The Pope likely

From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, March 25 The Pope is likely to visit France at the beginning of

rue, and make a speech at the

Unesco headquarters in Paris.

There is no official confirma-

tion of this news either from Unesco or from the French Bishops Conference. But it is becoming stornger as time goes by. The Pope would be respond-ing to an invitation of Mr

AmadoulMahtar M'Bow, the director-general of Unesco.

Mgr Angelo Felici, the papel Nuncio in Paris, and Mgr Renzo

Frana, the permanent observer of the Holy See at Unesco, are

to go to Rome within the next few days to discuss arrange-ments of the papal visit

The programme would in

clude an open air Mass in Paris, probably on the Esplande des invalides. The Pope might also go to Strasbourg, to call on the

European Assembly, and to visit the shrine of St Theresa

Milan, March 25.—Signora Giuseppina Parodi Spinola aged 40, daughter of Signor Aldo Parodi, the President of the Italian Swimming Federation was released near here roday

by kidnappers who had held her since December 4.

in Lisieux, Normandy.

Kidnap victim freed

probably on the occasion of the meeting of its executive com-

Paris in June

to visit

is determined in a uniform manner for member-states according to Community rules".

Until the adoption of this regulation EEC expenditure had been financed by direct contributions from memberstates' exchequers in accordance with a key based on their share of Community gross national product. The regulation provided for

the revenue from customs duties and levies to be entered in the EEC budget from January 1, 1971, and for the VAT element to be introduced on January 1, 1975, provided a common assessment base had been sgreed by then.

In fact it was not until May 16, 1977, that EEC member states now including Britain, Denmark and Ireland, adopted the "Sixth VAT Directive" which estab-lished a common list of goods and services on which VAT was to be levied. There thus appears to be no

fused to hand over the required percentage of VAT to Brussels. What muddles the picture somewhat, however, is the fact that other member-states have fallen short of their obligations under the VAT directive if not in so blatant a way as Britain is threatening to do—and have not been punished for so doing.

The Sixth Directive required that VAT payments should begin on January 1, 1978. But only Britain and two other member-states were ready to comply by that deadline, which the Commission under pressure then agreed to postpone until

January 1, 1979.

Even then, however, three countries — Germany, Ireland and Luxembourg—did not start making VAT payments, but continued with the old method of direct financial contributions. As a result, Germany paid

about £30 million less into the budget last year and Ireland nearly £8 million less than they would have done if they had violating both the basic "own resources" regulation of April 1970 and the subsequent VAT

Setback in British fight to lift France's lamb ban

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, March 25 Britain has suffered a setback in its campaign to get final verdict emergency legal action against against it. France's restrictions on imports of British lamb.

the Advocate-General of the European Count of Justice in Luxembourg, has given as his opinion that such action is not justified by the circumstances of the case.

The opinion of the Advocate-General, whose function is to sum up the issues and recommend a verdict, is always influential, but the court does not have to follow his advice. The court's decision is expected

requiring France to abolish its lamb import curbs pending a final verdict in the legal case

The Commission argued that there was ample justification for such action—equivalent in English legal parkence to an "interlocutory injunction "-since the court had already ruled last September that a French ban on lamb imports was illegal.

The French then replaced this outright ban with a prohibitive import levy of equivalent effect which led the Commission to initiate new proceedings against France

at the end of this week or the beginning of next.

Earlier this month, after the court will eventually rule once again against the weeks of pressure from Britain, the European Commission went before a verdict is handed down.

Seveso firm to pay £23m

From Our Correspondent Geneva, March 25 The company whose factory

in Seveso in northern Italy accidentally released a cloud of dioxin-laden vapour over the surrounding countryside in July, 1976, has agreed to pay about £23m in compensation. The Givaudan Company said today it had reached an out-of-court settle-cost of ment with the Italian Govern-£39m.

ment and the authorities in

Lombardy.

Under the agreement, subject to approved by a Lombardy regional parliamentary commission, the company will also meet the final cost of decon-

According to the parent company of Givaudon, Hoffman la Roche of Basie, the total cost of the accident was about

Mitterrand-Berlinguer talks to foster Euroleft idea

From Ian Murray Paris, March 25 Relations between the French

Communists and Socialists seem British soldiers who strayed across the border into East Ger-many last weekend were handed back early today by Soviet to go from bad to worse. Undeterred by this, however, in his dream of an alliance of the left, M François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, has just held a Fusiliers Stephen Oliver, aged long private meeting with Sig-18, and John Patrick, aged 18, of the First Battalion Royal nor Enrico Berlinguer, Italian Communist leader. the

After meeting yesterday in the lobbies of the European Parliament in Strasbourg they said in a joint statement that initiatives had to be taken contributing to disarmament, détente and European coopera-

Their aides have been planning the meeting for some time.
As neither could visit the other in his capital without insulting Italian Socialists in Rome or French Communists in Paris,

best for avoiding offence.

M. Georges Marchais, the
French Communist leader, has nevertheless reacted vehemently to news of the meeting, saying that it was singularly inappropriate. He again accused M Mitterand of continuing to act in consort with the French Government leaders weaken the Communist

Party. The meeting, according to M Marchais, was particularly regrettable because it was held at a time when "reactionaries and Socialists are preparing another hard blow at French pegsantry and agriculture".

The Communist deputies, who have been meeting in con-ference in Le Havre for the past two days, reaffirmed in their final motion their belief "a free and sovereign

they chose Strasbourg as the France". It was the sole duty ment on Sunday that he was best for avoiding offence. of the elected representatives seeking "the middle way" in of the elected representatives of France to decide the affairs politics. of the country, they said.

The Giscardian Government, the motion went on, was con-verging with the Socialists to gain further support for its anti-social and anti-national politics". The Sociailst deputies, who

have been holding a day-long conference in Marseilles, heard that in fact it was a "Giscard-Marchais" pact which was endangering France. Mr Laurent Fabius, the Socialist spokesman, accused both men of forming "an internal Yalta" which had created a part against change.

The Communists and Socialists seem to agree only in their condemnation of the Government. Both conferences heard Gistard d'estaine's pronounce- search for détente.

M Mitterrand has tried to prove by his meeting with Sig-nor Berlinguer that he is still very much a man of the left, untainted by any contact with the Giscardian Government. At the same time, he has sought to show that the Frenc Com-munist Party is increasingly isolated from Eurocommunist phinking. The meeting also represents

a step towards a possible creation of a "Eurolift", an ideal very much in line with the aspirations of both M Mit-terand and Signor Berlinguer. The Italian leader has recently been strengthening his con-tacts with social democratic leaders in Europe, believing that a strong " Euroleft surcastic communt on President be an important factor in the

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Soviet leaders absent from meeting amid talk of renewed illness

Moscow, March 25

Both President Brezhnev and the Prime Mr Kosygin, the Prime Minister, failed to appear today for the opening session of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Republic, of which they are both members, and Soviet sources have suggested that hey are both unwell again. -

The Russian Republic is the largest of the 15 Soviet republics, and elections to its Supreme Soviet—the nominal equivalent of a local parliament
were held a month ago, all
except two of the Politburo are
members and made election speeches. It was for his election speech that Mr Kosygin reappeared in public after a long absence following a heart attack in October. His absence at today's open

ing suggests that he has still not fully recovered. He also played no part in discussions with a delegation from Nicar-agua, which left the Soviet Union yesterday after signing a series of agreements that considerably increase the roling Sardinista Liberation Front's links with the Soviet Union. Normally Mr Kosygin would have led the Soviet side in such negoriations. Mr Brezhnev could also have

her prezimer could also have been expected to meet the Nicaraguans as ideological and party matters were discussed. But sources in Moscow say the

Nicaraguans were told that both leaders were indisposed and would not be able to meet

Moscow sources also report that a Kremlin ceremony planned for President Brezhner was cancelled at short notice vesterday. The Soviet leader, who is 73, and has just surpassed Stalin as the older party leader to hold office in the Soviet Union, was to have received the Lenin Prize for literature, which has was awarded last year for his threevolume satiobiography

Two other top Soviet leaders were also absent from the Supreme Soviet session, Mr Mikhail Suslov, the party ideologist who is aged 77 was absent and so was Mr Andrei Kirilenko who is in Budapest attending the Hungarian party congress. Only five of the 12 polithuro members who six in the Russian Supreme Sovier the Russian Supreme Soviet The absence of the others

could be deliberate so as not to highlight the absences of Mr Brezhnev and Mr Kosygin. Tess appeared to play down reporting of the session.

The news agency said that Mr Mikhail Solomentsev, a member of the Politburo and Prime Minister of the Russian Republic was entrusted with forming a new government for the republic

Iran anger at Shah's flight to Egypt

From Tony Allaway Tehran, March 25

Tehran, March 25
The flight of the former Shah
to Egypt had badly demaged
efforts to release 49 hostages
being held by militant students,
Mr Sadeq Qotbzadeh, the
Iranian Foreign Minister, told
a special press conference to-

day. "It will make it extraordinarily difficult to act on that subject in the light of events, ? he said.

he said.

He also revealed that the Soviet Union had agreed "in principle" to regional talks on the Afghanistan crisis.

Mr Qotbradeh's press conference was hald here shortly after a noisy crowd estimated at about 50,000 had gathered outside the occupied Hoised

outside the occupied United States Embassy to denounce the Shah's move to Egypt. Shah's move to Egypt.

The crowds chanted for the extradition of the Shah and the overthrow of President Sadar of Egypt. The Tehran Militant Clergy Society had called the demonstration to "show our harred; and disgust at this treatherous American plot". The society has close links with the students holding the hostages.

Western diplomatic sources said the Shah's flight from Panama on the eve of fermal Iranian extradition proceedings against him was something of an ent for Government, especially since Mr Cotbiadeh had at one time claimed the Shah was under

Whites fleeing

Chad war tell

of children shot

He was among 189 whites

who were flown out yesterday on French troop transports. Another 280 or so whites crossed the Chari river from

Most of the 900 whites in

Ndjamena were French, with a

few Americans, West Germans, Swiss and other nationalities.

The fighting, which has been going on since Saturday morning, is between the private armies of President Goukouni

Weddeye and Mr Hissene Habre, the Defence Minister.—

detention by the Panamanian authorities.
The sources said the move

had, for the time being, strengthened the hand of the student militants who demand a hardline "revolutionary" solution to the crisis, and might make it difficult even for the forthcoming parliament to engineer a quick end to the crisis. Claiming a moral victory for

Iran, Mr Cotbzadeh predicted that the Shah's stay in Egypt would have " iremendous repercussions in the region "

Turning to the Afghanistan issue, Mr Qotbzadeh said the idea for regional talks to solve the crisis had been put forward by Iran to Mr Vladimir Vinogrador, the Soviet Ambassador in Tehran, three weeks ago. He said the aim of the talks would be to effect the with-drawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan "and respect for and guarantee its territorial integrity and neutrality."
Sadat offer: The Shah has
accepted an offer to remain per-

manently in Egypt, President Sadat said today. "He will live in Egypt among brothers and friends," he added. The Shah was running a high fever and was about to begin a series of X-rays before having. his enlarged spleen removed in the next few days! President Sadat said today as he left the Meadi hospital after visiting and outside the futhe Sheh. Agence France cies state that Dr I

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From David Cross

Senator William

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cerning Dr Hunci search may be so interpretation diff the one I intended "It should be cl conclusions about son's research are a people he contacted

Israel rebuffs US plea to halt settlements

Douals, Cameroon, March 25.

Several hundred white refu-gees from Chad, most of them French, arrived here from battle-torn Ndjamena with tales A determined American Gaza Strip until M attempt to maintain the momen date set down at C tum of the Middle East peace for reaching agrees process by securing a temporary freeze on all new Jewish. The request was settlements in occupied Arab territory has been rebuffed by Mr Menchem Begin, the Israeli special Middle E. of children shot to death and a general intention not to return One Frenchman, who had been providing technical assist-ance in the former French colony, said he saw children lying dead on the payements.

The meetings have been called to try to force progress in the deadlocked tasks over an acceptable form of autonomy for the million Patestinians livfor the million Patestinians liv- West Bank staged ing in the occupied West Bank public and commercia and the Gaza Strip.
It is understood that the

American proposal had been personally approved by Presi-dent Carter and would have in-

From Christopher Walker volved balting all ment in the West I ment in the West B

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The request was fully to Mr Begin Linowitz, Presiden special Middle E American officials

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Prime Minister.
Diplomatic observers believe
that this will further increase
the straig in Israeli-American
relations and add to the problems facing President Carter when he meets Mr Begin and President Sadat of Egypt separately in Washington next

in favour of bui Jewish schools in He West Bank. Hundreds of the Palestinians throug protest against the o the main Anab tow transport was schools, shops and

Senate investigates Murdoch le

From Michael Leapman New York, March 25

Agence France-Presse.

The Senate banking committee is looking into whether Mr Rupert Murdoch used the poli-nical influence of his New York evening newspaper to gain a United States Government loan at low interest for his Austra-

The loan was approved by the Export-Import bank in Washington last month within a few days of the New York Post endorsing President Carter for renomination. In a letter to the bank, Sena-

tor William Proximire, the bank-ing committee chairman, and Senator Adlai Stevenson, chairman of its international finance subcommittee, wrote that the juxtaposition of the loan and the endorsement "gives an appearance of impropriety and leaves the impression that a key government agency may have been politicized to further the President's reelection ".

The loan is for \$206m (£100m), slightly more than half the cost of 21 Boeing sirliners ordered by Ansett, the Australian sirline in which Mr Murdoch bought a controlling interest last December. The interest rate will vary between 8 and 8.4 per cent.

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cial loans, that is a highly too low.
favourable arrangement at a
time when the commercial
House so prime rate is soming to nearly 20 per cent. The low interest rate is reported to have been an impor-tant factor in Mr Murdoch's

decision to buy Boeings instead of the competitive European Airbus. The best rate he was offered on an Airbus purchase was 9.25 per cent. The key date in the investi-gation of how the American loan came to be approved is February 19. In the morning, Mr Murdoch met Mr John

was appointed to that post by President Carter in 1977. Mr Moore then went to have lunch with officials of Boeing while Mr Murdoch excused himself, saying he was having lunch with the President. Three days later the New York Post endorsed Mr. Carter for his party's nomination for president, urging New Yorkers to vote for him in today's Demo-

Moore, president and chairman

of the Export-Import Bank, who

Cratic primary.

On February 28 the ExportImport Bank approved the loan
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House spokesmen ba any link between the the private lunch with Carter. Mr Murdoch had not discussed it Carter or any Whi official. "I'd be ver not to", he said.

Mr Moore is a for partner of Mr Philip! United States Amba Australia, Both men, dent Carter are, fron A few days before the approved, Mr Alston I Mr Moore to discuss i

The banking co letter, the text of whit leased yesterday, ask documents relevant to negotiations to be pro-the committee by Al spokesman for Import Bank said the comply with the adding: "The letter false impression that any impropriety in the

zambican opening to the West cated in Soames talks as enterprise makes comeback

Governor of this week is not out of the way he has decided the time has come to put his staction with the own house in order."

Though Mr Machel is still committed to establishing desire to establish socialism in Mozambique, his flection of Mozam-isfaction with the in Rhodesia but also e clearest indication desire to establish nomic and political he West.

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r European nations. ne time, its drive to new trade and aid the West has coinci-President Machel's mpts to put his n economy on a more

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has been worried by the de-teriorating state of the economy for some time but felt there was little he could do about it until the Rhodesian problem Rhodesia, was re- it until the Rhodesian problem ing his brief stay in bad been resolved. Now that is

> recent actions and speeches re-flect a change of emphasis in favour of a limited return of free enterprise. Business free enterprise. Business sources in Maputo believe that this, together with the reopen-ing of the Rhodesian border, could lead to a modest improve-

ment in the country's economy
The President hopes that this revival will be further stimu-lated by trade and economic assistance from the West rather assistance from the West rather than from the Communist block countries with which Mozambique has close political ries and on which it depends for military assistance.

Significantly, during his talks with the Mozambican leader, Lord Soames, who returned to

Salisbury today, suggested that the repair and rebablication of Mozambique's railways and ports could be partly financed by the European Development

Fund.

Lord Soomes said later that although Mozambique was not party to the Lomé Convention, a strong case for European assistance could be made on the grounds that these railways and ports served countries such as Zambia and Zaire which were Lome members. Lord Soames said he had also

discussed with President Machel and Mr Jonquim Chis-sano, the Foreign Minister, the possibility of Mozambique itself becoming a member of the Lomé Convention. If this happened it would be a significant political shift by Mozambique whose present close ties with East Germany (and particularly its position on the status of Berlini have hitherto prevented its association with the Euroits association with the Euro-

pean Community.

Lord Soames announced that M Claude Cheyston, the EEC Commissioner for aid and development, would go to Mozambique after his visit to

President Machel had emphasized his desire for further "cooperation" with Britain, rather than requesting additional economic assistance, Lord Soomes said. It was hoped that the British Government would give encouragement to private businesses that wanted to invest in or trade with Mozambique.
The Governor said that The Governor said that Britain looked forward to a more open relationship with Mozambique now that the Roodesian problem had been

Children killed : Three children Children killed: Three children were killed and 19 people injured, some seriously, when a hand grenade exploded last night in a township on the northern edge of Salisbury among a crowd of blacks celebrating the recent election victory of Mr Robert Mugabe in Rhodesia. Police sources believed the explosion was accidental.—Reuter.

Westminster requiem for murdered archbishop

By Our Foreign Staff The Archhishop of Westminster is to hold a requieur Mass in Westminster Cathedral on April 2 for lige Oscar Romero, il Archbishop of San Salvadar murdered in church. the Catholic Institute for Inter-national Relations has national announced.

Cardinal Hume is president of the institute, a voluntary aid and development agency with numerous projects in Latin

America. The archhishop's death was The archnishop's death was related to "the struggle to secure respect for human rights of the poor and oppressed in Latin America", the institute said: The archbishop was aware that he was in danger and many threats had been made on his life.

The British Council of Churches expressed "pain and borror at the cruel murder". At the House of Commons, Sir At the House of Commons, Sir Keith Joseph, deputising for the Prime Minister at question time, agreed with Mr David Alton. Liberal MP for Liverpool, Edge Hill, that MPs would wish to express their sorrow at the killing. More than 100 MPs had nominated the archbishop for the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize. Vatican response: The Pope. wattean response: The Pope, when told of the San Salvador killing. "was deeply suddened", a brief announcement from the Vatican suid. The Pope had received the archbishop in private audience a month any—UPI.

month ago.-Leading article, page 17 (I)ituary, page 19

-UPI-



A nun mourus for the Archbishop of San Salvador, lying dead beside her after being murdered in chapel by armed men.

Peking is reluctant to buy British arms

ate prospects of arms sales, and according to the sources. the Chinese response to sug-gestions for civil contracts had

State for Defence, yesterday, Chinese officials made it clear that they still considered the British Harrier jump-jet to be too expensive.

China is reported to be interested in buying about 60 of the aircraft, and negotiations

Peking, March 25.—A British drive to sell weapons to China and to take part in its development plans has met with little success. British sources said today. There were no immediate prospects of arms sales and according to the sources.

A hint of impatience crept into Mr Pym's toast at a not been encouraging.

During talks here with Mr

Francis Pym, the Secretary of Chinese Defence Minister.

contribute to the modernization of China and so is Her Majesty's Government, and have put a lot of effort in terms of time, money and techpical exchanges into demonstratof the aircraft, and negotiations ing bow ther can help." Mr bave been going on for more Prim said. "We want to see a than two years.

The sources said China recently concluded a contract with a Eritish shipbuilder for two cargo ships, but there was no apparent prospect of warship sales.

According to the sources, many Eritish companies had overestimated the possibilities of trade with China in late 1978.

Pym said "We want to see a unajor expansion in civil trade unajor expansion in civil trade

Bus murderer executed

Peking, March 25.—A young peasant found guilty of murdering a bus driver was executed here vesterday. Zhang Chunyao and three others scuffled on the his in a Peking suburb on the his in a Peking suburb on the night of February 17 and stabbed the driver in the back. The intermediate People's Court of Peking, which sentenced Zhang to death, also sentenced two of his accomplices to 15 years' jail.—
Agence France-Presse.

Hungary attack on 'laziness'

Budepest, March 25.—Hungary must step up its campaign against lazy workers and lameduck factories if it is to overcome its major economic problems. Mr György Lazar, the Prime Minister, said today.

He told the communist party congress here that recent economic reforms, which included cuts in Government subsidies for factories and more compatitive wages, must be implemented at all levels of the economy.

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replies. "People came from the mosque and were led like sheep by people from outside the

Exactly who did inspire the Exactly who did inspire the closure of the bazaar and the rioring in Aleppo is still an intriguing question. His almost casual reference to the mosque is the only mention Mr Al-Qadi makes to the religious enthusiasm of the Muslim Brotherhood, whose ghostly but painfully real existence haunts President Assad's regime.

That the Brathen exist is

That the Brethren exist is without doubt. Their pam, phlets, prioted on sugar-grained paper, have been pasted up in Aleppo. They call for the overthrow of the Assad Government, specifically demanding the destruction of the the destruction of "Alawite" authorities.

eaflets demands being negotiated

Broadsheets apparently printed by a splinter group of Syria's Communist Party also condemn the Assad Government but they omit any reference to the minority Alawite sect of which the President is

a member.

More substantial are More substantial are the leaflets being circulated in the city by a group calling liself the organization of Ulema (religious leaders) of Aleppo and listing the following spicific if occasionally specius demands:

1. All future state legislation

demands:
1. All future state legislation should conform to Koranic law.
2. The state of amergency in Syria should be ended.
3. All "armed elements" should withdraw from Aleppo.
4. All detainees should be

released.
5. All university teachers dismissed from their posts for political reasons should be reinstated.
6. All "misleading propaganda" should be ended.
7. There should be "complete freedom" in Syria.

freedom "in Syria.

These demands seem to have formed the basis for negotiations which have been going on in Aleppo for the past four days between a Baachist delegation led by Mr Abdullah al-Ahmar, the party's deputy secretary general, and a group of lawyers, doctors, engineers and arademics in Aleppo.

Mr Al-Qadi says that the party men spoke to "everyone" in the city and there is a suspicion that this comfortable supplems includes representatives of the Muslim Brotherhood.

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It was, in remospect, a re-markable gesture for the Presi-dent to have made and it is being interpreted in Aleppo as either a sign of political toler-ance or of weakness. No one has missed the significance of the words "God is great" with which Mr Assad now begins

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March 25.—Poachers. ughter an estimated eprants a year in the African Republic, face rison sentences under ; just introduced to try or the species. has been banned, along collection, commern, import, export and

Strike by crews of icebreakers

Helsinki, March 25.—The crews of Finland's 10 ice-breakers went on strike today after their demands for more pey were turned down by the Maritime Board. The Seamen's Union said the icebreakers would assist all ships about to enter or leave ports, but after that cargo ships

and car ferries must try to

break the ice themselves .- AP.



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MPs in walk-out over Assam blockade by pro-Congress students

From Richard Wigg Delhi, March 25

The two-day-old agitation by pro-Congress students in West Bengal seeking to impose a complete economic blockade on the isolated north-eastern state of Assam led to a walk out by all the Opposition parties in the Indian Parliament today.

Mr Bai Ram, the Lok Sabha (Lower House) Speaker, refused to allow an adjournment motion as demanded by the three principal opposition parties—the Janata, the Lok Dal, and the Marxist Communists (who are in power in Bengal).

All of them protested, as one of their leaders put it, against a section of Mrs Indira Gandbi's ruling Congress party "organizing a confrontation between the people of one state by another."
Twenty minutes of pandemonium ensued but the Speaker

refused to give way. Opposition spokesmen accused Mrs Gaudhi's Government of not taking prompt action against the students, even though urgent national issues were involved. One independent MP pointedly asked whether the Prime Minister was losing control over her party to Mr Sanjay Gandhi's Youth Congress, which is very close to the organizers of the West Bengal

As the movement of essential commodities in lorries and by rail continued to be obstructed by the students at three entry tors sitting on the national highway and the main railway line near Bagdogra and Siliguri

townships. More than 50 arrests were made, including the leader of the Bengal student agitators. Today, about a thousand tea workers joined the students sitting on the main road, Local markets were deserted. Mrs Gandhi's slowness in

moving against the pro-Congress students was also criticized in the Indian Upper House today, where the Opposition is still in a majority.

In an editorial on the agitation entitled "This must stop"
The Statesman of Calcutta to day advised Mrs Gandhi that she should "bring her supposed supporters promptly and effectively to heel".

The Bengal students' agita-tion is ostensibly intended to turn the tables on Assamese students who, for the past six months, have been agitating against the influx of non-

resume tomorrow with a 12hour general strike called throughout the state. Mr L. P. Singh, the Governor of Assam, held talks on the crisis today in Gauhati with two senior officials from Delhi's

Their agitation is due to

Home Ministry. It is the run-ning of the far-flung northeast's affairs by entrenched bureaucrats in Delhi which has become one of the principal elements in Assam's regionalist points on West Bengal's narrow elements in Assam's regionalist strip of territory linked to agitation. Assam has been under direct presidential rule charges against the demonstraPoliticians settle on phrasing of independence referendum for French-speaking province

The Quebec question in 109 words

Montreal, March 25

The debate in the Quebec Legislature on the wording of an independence referendum has ended with the adoption of the Government's motion and one slight amendment-proposed by the former leader of the Union Nationale party, Mr Rodrigue Biron-strengthening the promise of a second referendum.

Three other amendmentsproposed by Mr Claude Ryan, leader of the Liberal opposition. Mr Michel Le Moignan, interim leader of the Union Nationale, and Mr Rodrigue Tremblay, a former Parti Québécois Minister now an independent MPwere defeated.

The Government's motion was adopted last Thursday by 68 votes to 37. The referendum question will therefore read: "The Government of Quebec has made public its proposal to negotiate a new agreement with the rest of Canada based on the equality of nations. The agreement would enable Quebec to acquire the exclusive power to make its laws, levy its taxes, and establish relations abroad -in other words, sovereignty and at the same time to main tain with Canada an economic association, including a common currency; no change in political status resulting from these negotiations will be effected without approval by the people through another referendum: on these terms, do you give the Government of Quebec the mandate to negotiate the proposed agreement between Quebec and Canada? Yes... No..."

by Mr Claude Charron, the Government's Parliamentary House Leader, on the Liberal consti-tutional document, A New

Canadian Federation.

He said the Liberals' proposed Federal Council, a body designed to increase provincial power giving no special status to Quebec, would be a "third eye on the regime which has had problems with its sight for

On Wednesday the debate centred on an interchange between Mr André Raynaud of the Liberals and Mr Jacques Parizeau, the Minister of Finance, Mr Raynauld challenged the Minister to explain the economic consequences of

sovereignty-association ". What would happen to hundreds of existing federal Crown corporations, including Cana-dian National Railways, Air Canada and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation? Mr Parizeau replied that some would be shut, some rebaptized, and others, such as Air Canada, would be run as joint ventures with the rest of Canada. Mr Ryan asked what would

happen to the freedom of circulation of capital if the Government insisted on Quebec's con-trol of financial institutions. Mr Parizeau said an independent Quebec would simply adopt federal legislation, changing it to read "Quebec" rather than "Canada". This would mean that Canadian chartered banks or trust companies operating in Quebec would have to be con-trolled by Quebeckers. Mr Ryan wondered how an

the services now provided by the federal and provincial Governments. Mr Parizeau re-plied that independent Quebec would do away with overlapping jurisdictions which were ex-tremely costly. "Everything is being done twice by Quebec and

Ottawa", he said. On Thursday each Parti Québécois speaker addressed a different sector of the com-munity, urging a "yes" vote in the 109-word referendum. The Minister of Agriculture appealed to the fishermen and agricul-tural workers; the Minister for the Status of Women to women voters; Mr Guy Chevrette to the workers and trade unionists; and Mr Claude Shacler

to the elderly. Liberal victory: The Liberal Government of Mr Pierre Trudeau has increased its parliamenary majority in Ottawa to 12 by winning a deferred election in the Quebec constituency of Frontenac.

The Liberal victory gave the party 147 seats in the 282-seat House of Commons here, against 103 for the Progressive Conservatives led by Mr Joe Clark, the former Prime Min-ister and 32 for the left-lean-ing New Democratic Party. The Frontenac election was posponed until yesterday after a candidate died shortly before

the national elections of February 18 in Canada. Among candidates defeated yesterday was Mr Fabien Roy, leader of the Social Credit Party, which now has no mem-

Commonwealth force sought for Uganda

From Charles Harrison vairobi, March 25

President Binaisa of Uganda reported to be pressing for Commonwealth peace-keeping force to serve in the country after the withdrawal of the 20,000 Tanzanian troops, who have been in Uganda since overthrowing the former President Idi Amin.

Tanzania is withdrawing half the force now and the rest are expected to follow within a few. months. Despite Tanzanian and Ugandan statements that the withdrawal is in line with the defence agreement between the two countries there is no doubt that President Binaisa would have liked more time to build

up his own army.
There has been no official admission by the Uganda Government of a request to Commonwealth countries. But diplomatic sources say that diplomatic sources say that tentative approaches have been

made to some countries including Britain and Nigeria.

President Binaisa evaded questions on the subject when he visited Kenya recently for private talks with President. Moi, but it is assumed here that he asked Kenya for an assur-Accepted the support of the same and the support of the support once the Tanzanian troops leave.

Relations between Kenya and Tanzania are strained, and Kenya world not send troops to Uganda while Tanzanian troops are there.

But Kenya would be likely to support a Commonwealth force, and even to take part in it, if this would not raise political problems with Tanzania.

President Binaisa is eppar-

ently apprehensive about leaving his country's internal security in the hands of the small and inexperienced Uganda Army. His police force is well below strength, and the Tanvolun

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From Neil Reil

Bangkok, March

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has many opponents. There is

no indication here that Britain is anxious to support his pro-posal, although the weakness of his position is realized by Whitehall.
President Binaisa today confirmed that Uganda's first elec-tion since 1962 will probably

be held later this year six months earlier than had been proposed—and that leaders of the Uganda National Liberation Front are opposed to a zevival of rival political parties.

of rival political parties.

He was addressing UNLP brench leaders in Kampala, on the first anniversary of the formation of the group by exiled Ugandans at a meeting in Moshi, northern Tanzania, shortly before the overthrow of President Amin. He said the merging of numerous political parties and groups into the parties and groups into the Front was final. "The UNLF does not believe in divorce."

In an obvious reference to a In an obvious reference to a recent statement by Dr. Milton Obote, who was ousted by President Amin in 1971, that he would return to Uganda to lead his Uganda People's Congress in the election, President Binaisa said that any Ugandan wishing to stand as candidate must return to register first as a voter. Registration would

probably start in May or June. Leading article, page 17 Threat stops

Pinochet Manila visit

in Santiago yesterday of his decision to severe relations. "I can't accept that my country be slapped in the face," he said. General Pinochet also had trouble in Suva Fifi, where demonstrators pelted his car Mr. Carlos Romulo, the

were arrested on Sunday in Manila on the eve of the arrival of President Pinocher and his 70-man delegation.—Reuter and Agence France-Pressa.

Menila March 25. The Philippines said today it had called off an official visit by President Augusto Pinocher of President Augusto Pinochet of Chile because foreign terrorists had entered the cauntry with the intention of killing him. Chile yesterday broke off diplomatic relations with the Philippines.

President Pinochet, who took the cancellation of his visit as an insult told cheering country.

Mr Carlos Romulo, the Philippines Foreign Minister, announced the arrest of eight foreign terrorists, whose mission, he said, was to kill the top leaders of the Philippines and Chile.

He refused to give their nationality, but said that four more were still being hunted by the Philippines military. Mr Romulo said the eight terrorists were arrested on Sunday in

Polish voters give low place to party men

Warsaw, March 25.—The leader ter, thopped in of a small Roman Catholic the bottom of group in the Polish Sejm (par elected depute election and finished ahead of Mr Stanislaw Kowalczyk, the

Minister of the Interior, according to official results released today.

Mr Janusz Zahlocki, the lesder of the Znak (Sion) group, moved from eighth place on the original ballot to second on the original ballot to second place in the results with 99.71 per cent of the votes cast.

His showing was one of several surprises in Sunday's single-list ballot. Voters could either east their ballot. either cast their ballots without making changes in the recom-mended order of candidates or strike out some names, pro-

didates but slipped to sixth He was not the only senior candidate whose position on the list of elected deputies was lower than that on the original

nist Party congress after ruling for ne

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In one constituency, Mr Emil Wojtaszek, the Foreign Minis-Singapore cypher | Police imp

clerk blackmailed hundreds of

by Russian lover A cypher clerk working at he Singapore Embassy in Moscow was given a ten-year jail sentence today after he

The Singapore District Court was told that Alan Wee Kheng a married man aged 30, had-been seduced by a Russian woman agent, named as Luba Lobov Maduba, who later black-mailed him into giving tran-scripts of coded communica-

Mr Wee's case was the first of its kind under the Official Secrets Act in Singapore and the court was told that he committed the offences for 10

on to his Russian blackmailer was the embassy's top secret cypher code, the court was told,
Mr Wee, in the Singapore
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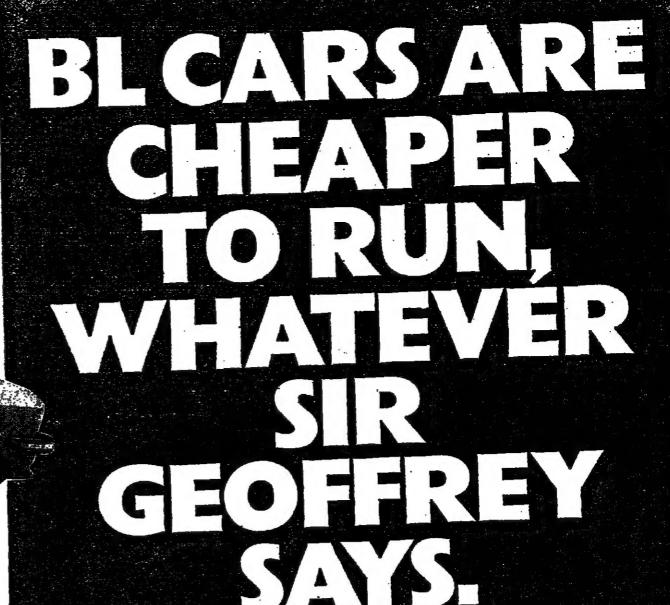
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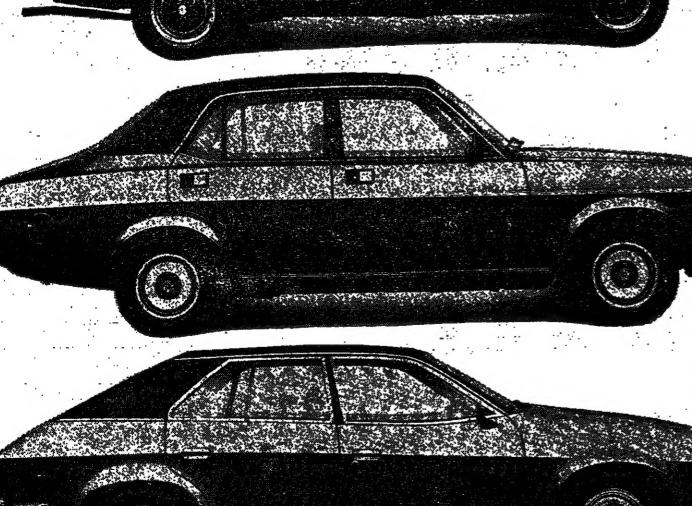
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How will the Budget affect your spending power?

After today's Budget, will you be feeling richer or poorer? And either way, do you know what you plan to do about it? If you are forced to economize, have you some idea where the savings could come?

Alternatively, if the Chancellor leaves you with extra money, are you at risk of frittering it or have you risolated a specific priority?

As you sit down this evening to assess what effect the Budget will have on your standard of living, it could be a timely moment to work out fust how and where your income

is disappearing.

tipped to increase, do you know for example the total amount (including trips to the pub) you spend annually on drink? Or taking weekend out-ings, visiting friends and other incidental journeys into account, how much travelling really costs you? What about entertainment? Presents? Or the multiple "extras" incurred by the children: school trips, swimming, pocket money and

We investigated in detail with five households how they budgeted and tried to ascertain with them how their economic situation today compares with a couple of years ago.

(15, 13 and 6).

Hugh has a company car and some paid business lunches.

Louise runs a second car and domestic/business telephone

entirely off her company. They invariably have a fluctuating

overdraft. Hugh's gross salary has just increased by £1,700 to

The biggest burden is the mortgage which, with linked

policy on a seven-roomed house

fees and uniform. Luxurles include: a daily help during school term, a babysitter about twice a month and £100 at the

they are staying at home) and hawkishly watch the food bills. It is easier said than done, as

they give a dinner party about once a month, have friends to

daily. "36p, shocking isn't it?

They manage, in fact, extremely well Everything is

spotless: windows are cleaned every three weeks (" have to on the ground floor in London")

and clothes go regularly to the launderette and cleaners. Mary

launderette and cleaners. Mary likes wearing make-up, they both have a monthly haircut and even after paying all the outgoings on the flat—£10 rent plus £2 each for gas and electricity, which goes weekly into a fuel savings plan—they still always ensure that their five grandchildren and two great.

grandchildren and two great-grandchildren receive a present at Christmas. "It's the bloom-ing postage" grumbled George. "That's something we've really

Any other routine expense

or occasional luxuries? Hearing aid batteries, TV rental, essen-

tial clothes . . is does not leave much; but they enjoyed a duck and drop of brandy at Christmas and recently bought some new chair covers.

"I wouldn't say we were

worse off than a couple of years ago" reflected George, "but what I'd like to see in the Budget is a £50 pension for a married couple and no

messing about with supple-mentary."

But we manage."

hairdresser for. Louise.

Only one family knew down to their last £100 precisely what they were spending on their different needs and activities, although the retired couple we spoke to also had a pretty shrewd idea of just what their pension was buying—and they were alone in never dipping into overdraft.

Four out of five admitted that doing the sums with us made them realize how comparatively extravagant they were about certain items and said that, much as they would dislike it, if essential they could see areas for cuts. Other than our bachelor girl however, all were—or had been-making economies; and

Although two of the three families were (or were about to be) educating at least one child privately, and one mother had fairly regular domestic help, none were in the "au pair" stakes or had children at public

assistance from Reward Regional Surveys, we estimate that without a private income, a scholarship or help from grandparents, it would be virtually impossible for a couple to maintain anything like their normal lifestyle and send two children to boarding school on net

and holidays.

earnings of less than £15,000. And most of the couples we questioned in the couples we questioned in the couples and that recordings of this bracket said that, regardless the tax cuts, both parents worki chesper holidays (or no holiday less entermining and more DI become the order of the day.

Most prized business perk v questionably the company car certainly for middle income far the biggest relief would be a tion in mortgage interest car was significant, however, that n was expecting a rosy Budg amicipating any additional ap-power. Like you and our panel I'll be doing the arithmetic toni

Net Annual Income	7,570
Expenses	
Mortgage	£1,208
Rates	£407
Gas, Electricity	2360
Insurance	£260
Telephone, TV, HP	£310
All petrol, upkeep of Mini	£628
Boys' pocket money	£150
Parents' personal spending	£520
	£52
Newspapers Housekeeping	£2,080
Fishing, swimming	£145
Meals out, etc	£130
Presents	£200
Additional on house/garden (1979)	£450
School uniform account	£120
Misc incl vet, cleaners, credit card interes	
Child bosoft covings	£416
Child benefit savings	-
Total	£7,56€
A holiday costing £600 will come partly from on decorating, partly from child benefit me	a savin

David, Jenny and their sons—Peter, 15, and Richard, 12—are spending a fortnight on a boat this summer. Two years ago, it would have been impossible. They were overdrawn and ruth-lessly cut all non-essentials: clothes, entertainment, even the

But a substantial rise and profit-sharing bonus have increased David's net salary to £5,750. With child benefit and Jenny's part-time earnings as an auxiliary nurse they now here an income of £7,570. David. a marketing executive, gets BUPA cover and a company car.

Their budgeting system sounds deceptively simple: £40 a week housekeeping out of which Jenny pays all food, drink, clothes (except school uniform), cleaning products and miscellaneous small items; £5 personal spending money each; child benefit is substantially saved: most of it will probably go towards the holiday this year. David pays all other bills.

Mortgage interest for a fiveroom house on a pleasant estate and linked endowment policy accounts annually for £1,208; rates, £407; gas and electricity, £360. Subtract other basics— telephone (£70), life insurance and household contents policy (£260), TV rental (£150) and

Net Weekly Income

Rent and Rates

Gas, Electricity

Food, milk, etc

Newspapers

Launderette TV Rental

Budgie Seed **Batteries**

Window cleaning

George and Mary would like a weekend by the sea as in the old days. But on

a retirement pension (including supplementary benefit) of £43

a week, it is just a daydream.
Not that they are complaining. They live in a three-room centrally heated council flat

tentrary neared council flat with a small garden; have a budgie, a television, enough to eat, sufficient clothes, get the newspapers every day and are within easy walking distance of the library.

shoe repairs, postage and misc.

More than anything else

Haircuts

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Standard/Average Expenses

£5.73p a week for all clothes, presents, cleaners,

HP (£90)—and they are left with about £2,000.

Despite the fact the boys walk to school and take sandwich lunches, that Jenny is the family hairdresser, a skilled machinist and does, all the laundry at home, that they virtually never so to the cinema, do not smoke and no longer require a babysitter, it is amazing how many expenses seem to remain.

There is petrol for travel to work, newspapers, cleaning bills, credit card interest, pocket money for the children and hor-mone pills for the car. Presents cost £200 a year.

A major relief, compared with most of their friends, is that their mortgage which they have had 10 years is now compara-tively small. This enables David to indulge his love of fishing, for them to eat out most months, go to a few dinnerdances, give a party every year—"we always did that, even at our brokest", says Jenny—and entertain friends to dinner occasionally.

They also swim a lot and Jenny has "a beat-up old Mini". Not that she uses it much but "it is a sort of insurance policy" in case David ever lost his job and with it his company car.

The budget? "I'd like to see the standard rate of tax come down," though I don't think it will," says David.

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Mary has free chiropody, a

bus pass (George does not bother, "no need, the shops

are close") and they receive the £10 Christmas bonus.

income goes on food. Mary says

the price of butter is a worry

and they only occasionally buy fruit but, by prudeur shopping—going for the cheapest—the eat sensibly for £15 a week. Milk is extra. So is Guinness, which Mary who is anaemic has been told by the doctor to drink

More than a third of their

the first to agree that	in for coffee and bridge. Although they are given quite a lot to drink—family presents and guests—Hugh estimates it still costs £150 a year.
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Mey reckoned to have about 19,800 to spend: £7,164 was Hugh's net salary as a publicity manager; £1,200 derived from Louise's home-based public relations company and small Louise has £310 monthly housekeeping, from which she pays for food and domestic sundries, electricity, gas cylinders, newspapers, children's clothes, her personal expenses, vet's bill (they have a dog and cat), the paid help plus, if and when she can afford it, shrubs for the garden and some of the royalties; the remainder—a nummer paying guest, selling some furniture, £200 building society interest and child benefit for their three daughters for the garden and some of the

Hugh's extra worries are the lion's share of the heating, rates, life insurance, the "frightening" petrol bill for his car, debt repayment of £65 a month on a business venture that went wrong, piano and riding lessons for the girls, lunches, occasional "musts" like the mower he recently bought and any labour needed around the house, as he is handicapped and cannot do it himself (last year they spent £500 on an extension). in Surrey, costs £350 a month.

Two of the girls, the youngest
and eldest, go to independent
schools—though happily relations pay for Diana's boarding.

As an executive of 47, Hugh's clothes matter, which means another £13 monthly into a subscription account. Additionally, there are the many exiras: presents, books (a family indulgence), £30 for a contract gardener, Diana's train faras to school—and Joanna's school fees, for which in desperation Louise has just

However, she "virtually never" buys clothes, they economize on holidays (chis year drawn £200 from the company. Inflation? "Our overdrafts will just have to go up" says Hugh, "unless the Chancellor does something about mortstay and often invite others

Celia frankly admits that

she is an impulsive spender, a bad saver

and very extravagane. She is single, aged 28, works as a photographic studio assistant

and lives in a two-room furn-

ished flat in London. She earns £5.250 (ner £315 a month) and

also receives 30p luncheon vouchers. She recently had a big rise so is feeling prosperous, but says that even so she is invariably overdrawn.

Most of her money goes on

pleasure. Her typical week

reads: dining in a restaurant

at least one evening, frequently

two (£15?); two or three films.

plays or jezz concerts (£10);

entertaining friends most week-

ends plus an occasional supper.

Additionally, site is attending a

bird observation course, has just

Celia was a bit startled when

Thirty pounds, £40 a month? If she spots "a lovely bar-

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Net Annual Income			£11,800
Expenses	et a		
Mortgage and linked pol	icv		£4,140
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Basic housekeeping			£2,424
Heating, etc			£850
Telephone, papers		-	£225
School lunches			£108
Insurance		-	£355
Tobacco			€442
All entertainment			£730
Jane's extra spending mo	пеу		€400
Presents	-		£460
Holidays (last year £800-	£900)		£95
Pocket money			£78
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Misc incl clothes, drink e	est		£1,000
Total			£12,667

A net income of about £11,800, a company Jaguar on which all perrol bills are paid plus a business entertaining allowance sounds to most people like riches. But if, as Jane and Martin, you have just bought an eight-room house and are due to start paying school fees, budgering suddenly means nlanning.

Both are 36. Martin is managing director of a computer company and last year his gross earnings including bonus were £13,500. Additionally, he received the odd cheque from speaking engagements, Jane made \$400 from freelance clerical work and they got child benefit for their three children (aged 11, eight and

Other than feeding the labrador, Jane's housekeeping (£150 a month plus child benefit) is simply for food and cleaning products. If necessary, Martin supplements it; pays the standard bills (rates, heating, TV rental, newspapers, school lunches, whatever is required for the garden), basic-ally gives Jane what she needs for her and the children's clothes and apportions the rest to sutertainment, holidays (£300-£900 staying in Cornwall), ms own expenses, presents (£460), drink and miscellaneous

purchases such as the freezer. Both smoke (£8.50 a week) and both are active. Martin goes to rugby matches wit elder son and as a family swim and occasionally they frequently take the dren to the local theatre out spont once a mouth ing and computer dances) and usually dances) and usually friends to stay every

own decorating drink spirits are fucky to parents who babysit and knits everyone's sweaters the past few years they not thought very much a money—at least not to extent of disciplining spending But now, with he increased mortgage repays -£270 a month compared £68 previously plus a endowment linked polic £75—not to mention b heating costs, everyday life become substantially

expensive.

The scholarship which were hoping for would helped. Cathy, the 11-yes will go to a fee paying school anyway but, other ti eldest—camping and a wot holiday as a stable—the fe will stay at home this summ Martin and Jane do not to impose an austerity camp

but it partly depends on Budget. They would like, don't expect, a further sy

Net Monthly Income	£315
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Rent .	£65
Gas, etc	£20
Supermarket	£40
ondon travel	€40
Oriving lessons	£28
ntertainment	280
Clothes, etc	£30
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gain " it could be more; Celia has a credit card which she uses to buy clothes, presents something for the flat. Equally, it could be records or books (" I buy heaps of paperbacks") or "a special offer" on her favourite cosmetics.

started driving lessons and goes to a couple of dinner parties a month when she usually takes a bottle of wine. Other incidentals include hairdresser every two months (£11); stamps, cigaretres, launworking out her weekly expenditure on drink: a bottle of whisky, the odd bottle of plonk, a few rounds at the pub—it mounts up. So too, in a mysterious way, do bills on clothes. derette (£1 each a week), lunches, television licence plus assorted travelling costs : season ticket, fare home to the West Country every three months (£35 return), jaunts to the out less and save £50 a maccountry—and taxis she wailed. I could take up knitting...

Celia says her dizzy life possible only because she two big economies: holida last year, a week on a ca with a group of friends (£3 and "a lovely flat that's c paratively very cheap", £6 month plus about £20 for t phone, gas and electricity. because they entertain together boy friend often pays supermarket bill; but, as C loves to cook, basic shops loves to coon, still costs about £10 a week still costs about £10 a week from Sir Geoffrey. But peri I ought to start budgeting out less and save £50 a mo

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Misc	£20
Total	£323

Every picture sells a story

Earlier this month The Times, in conjunction with Penguin Books, announced a competition to encourage new talent in the making of picture books. Called before a court of critics and librarians, however, *The Times* and Penguin Books might not find it altogether easy to justify so liberal an act. After all, it might be said there were more than 300 picture books published in 1979 and the best sort of competition would be one that encouraged people to stop producing the things rather than

has some appeal, but, looking more keenly at those 300-odd gleaming volumes, I am less certain. Most of them are, as you might expect, professional examples of book production. Their creators take full advantage of the flexibility in design tage of the flexibility in design and the whirligig of colour allowed by photolithographic printing. But when it comes to "newness" in the sense that they have something fresh to say, and when it comes to "talent" in the sense that they understand the inner coherence which picture books call for, then we seem to live in a time of dearth.

There are several, broadly conomic, reasons for the economic, reasons for the polished and not-so-polished inadequacy of these books. At an individual level, for instance, there is considerable pressure on a freelance picture-book illustrator, once he has found a successful formula, to go on the control of th repeating it—and a quantity of books last year by once-celebra-ted illustrators had all the characteristics of old concoc-tions newly labelled to keep up the annual royalties. Only geniuses like Randolph Caldecott could work to such a routine without losing their in-dividual touch.

More generally, illustrators and publishers experience a variety of other pressures which arise from market forces, which At first glance this argument two mutually exclusive types of



James Marshall and the comic tradition in MacGooses' Grocery by Frank Asch (Kestrel £1.95).

large, carry illustrations which are as ham-fisted as their

picture book. On the one hand the panoply of elaborate there is a growing number of coloured folios, emanating from socially-committed" books — such places as Milan and designed to help children to adjust to the norms that the adult manufacturers think most suitable — and these, by and large, carry illustrations which are as ham-fisted as their the act-work is grozeforly done. way of issuing what look like ham £2.95), John Lockwood arge, carry illustrations which expensive books. The fact that Kipling's ABC (Macmillan £4.95) the art-work is apparently done and "Alice and Angela's" with galleries more in mind Stary of the Little Round Man than books. and that the texts (Warne £2.50) were all created

artists, too. Apart from its ex-ploitation of the cimmick of the treasure-hunt. Kit Williams's Masquerade is also notable as an authology of the painterly tracks that have long been the preserve of Continental illustra-

Among so much that is didactic or sophisticated it is a pleasure to discover a few books from 1979 that have no pretenriom 1975 that have no presentations, whatsoever. There is, for instance, Phoebe and Selby Worthington's Teddy Bear Baker (Warne 22,95), a succession of the control of the sor, after 30 years to their much-loved Teddy Bear Coal-man—no sign of repetitious annual dilution of talent here. There is Frank Asch's Mac-Gooses' Grocery, illustrated by James Marshall (Kestrel £1.95), whose plain line-and-wash drawings fit perfectly into the comic simplicity of the tale.

And there are three little books-all more than 50 years old-which have doubtless been brought out of attics or tu trunks under the influence of "an Edwardian lady". Rose Isabella Stark's Alphabet (Pel-

translated, is of less significance than the glamour of the production. (Needless to say the fashion has affected British and in the play of visual ideas, and they offer some reassurance about the traditional strengths about the traditional strengths of the picture book.

When The Times/Penguin judges call for submissions that

"show care and imagination in their use of words, and illustra-tions which consistently match the nature and subject matter of the story", they are asking for an integration of art and narrative which is at the root of the greatest picture books, whether they be richly worked pieces like Caldecott's Three Jovial Huntsmen and Maurice Sendak's Where the Wild Things Are, or simply fashioned tales like William Nicholson's The Pirate Twins or Mary Rayner's Mr and Mrs Pig's Evening Out. These are touchstones in the art of the picture book and a few more like them will not come amiss in the present abundance.
The Times/Penguin Competition is open to anyone in the United Kingdom and Eire who has not previously had a children's picture book pub-lished or accepted for publica-tion. Rules for submissions must be obtained by sending sae to Penguin Books Ltd. 536 Kines Road, London, SW10

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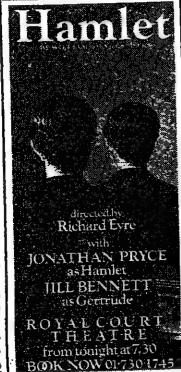
The bizarre revival at Berlin's Freie Volksbahne of Peter Weiss's 1965 documentary play Die Ermittlung has created the biggest theatrical scandal in West Berlin since the world of notable sleaziness. Across premier of Rolf Hochhuth's the ground floor an elevated first play The Deputy. Weiss's runway, lighted by naked play appeared in English as out trial in Frankfurt some The Investigation, but Ermittlung more precisely means ascertainment. He took his material from a long drawn years ago which sought to ascertain the degree of guilt of a number of former SS person-nel at Auschwitz, the biggest and most ghastly of Hitler's original six extermination

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The lurid shadow of Auschwitz

it to telling effect on many occasions, especially in what he called his "teaching plays". Not even Brecht, though, ever dared play fast and loose with anything so appalling as the story of Auschwitz and of the six million morders committed there and in similar, smaller

orld premiere production (in

this same house, incidentally) with factual objectivity, letting

the horrific testimony by Auschwitz survivors speak for

itself. Thomas Schulte-Michels

and his designer Susanne Thaler, in this new production.

have taken off in quite another

The auditorium remains

built what amounts to a

empty. On the stage itself they

two-storey circular night club of notable sleazuress. Across

runway, lighted by naked floor-level bulbs, connects two

raised acting platforms at either side. The five actors and

three actresses wear gatish make-up and fancy clothes, and jewelry in the hair and the ears of some of the men

leads a fillip of perversity. The

performers fort with the spec-tators, who sit at tiny tables on which they find glasses and

splits of champagne.

Bertolt Brecht made this sort

of theatrical manipulation famous under the name of

Television

Granada

World in Action

Joan Bakewell

alienation", and he employed

The cover-up provided for Nazi war criminals in the United States makes Watergate look

like a high school prank, a cissy affair of silly bugging devices and petty deceptions hopelessly organized by amateurs at the

game. By comparison, the real

pros were having real success. Ever since the war, the heavy battalions of the FBI, the CIA the State Department, the Roman Catholic church and the immigration service have com-

bined in an establishment con-

sensus that there was to be no

pursuit of Nazis in flight from

postwar Europe. They were

anti-Communists after all. That

was the case argued and docu-mented with World in Action's

In charting the postwar

career of at least four of the

most villianous, Artukovic, Trifa, Maikovski and Dem-

januk, they had such an amount of appalling testimony that one

could scarcely absorb one shock

before being hit by another. Cardinal Spellman himself petitioned the immigration authorities on behalf of Artu-

kovic, whose brutalities had ex-ceeded those of the SS. Trife, the perpetrator of a three-day

pogrom, self-appointed head of

the Romanian church in the United States, blessed the open-ing of the Senate under Richard

Writers and Places

Stanley Reynolds

" If ", Michael Hastings said, " I

went along to the National Theatre and told them I would

need 60 black singers and dancers they'd slam the door in my face." Well, you thought, they would no doubt slam the door in the face of anyone wasting a cast of 60, no matter what the colour. But Michael Hastings has a problem. He is a white man, a Jew, trying to write about the problems of the Blacks in Britain today. He said he felt sometimes as if he had the messles because no one wanted black pleys by a white

wanted black pleys by a white writer. Hastings's interest in

the Blacks stems from his life

in Brixton. He moved there wich his family in 1944 when it had a large Jewish community. He still lives in Brixton

and, as viewers of BBC 2's

Writers and Places series saw last night, Bastings knows the piace like the back of his hand.

Decked out with some marvellous stills of old Brixton and a

BBC 2

direction.

extermination camps. These performers switch from role to role but without changing costumes, the surviterpolations turn the environment into that of a prosperous where both audience and cocktail party, or a television critics reacted so positively ing the court officials puncting that the company there are the Berlin rehearsals or prepareties the Berlin rehearsals or prepareties and then apparently as an automatic misre, but he did, from his apparently as an automatic misre, but he did, from his officials puncting in the court officials puncting that the company there have been added not altered production and did not altered production and did not altered production and the Berlin rehearsals or prepareties are the Berlin r vor in one segment becoming

vincing for being out of focus, jump cut or with plenty of camers joits and knocks. And in

some surrealist reversal of reality the most convincing shots of all on Monday were those that were totally incom-

prehensible. The intrepid cameraman George Jesse

too emorive a word.

Blacks of Brixton and young

black writers like Eddie Mills,

part of whose play, Trouble in Brixton, was included in last

night's programme. The remark

about the National came out when Hastings was talking about

his old spic play about the life of the late Marcus Gervey, the black leader, founder of the

Hastings, who had his first

play produced at the Royal Court when he was still a teen-

ager, has a very good drametic track record and you felt that his Marcus Garvey play would

be produced somewhere some day even if not at the National

Hastings is a novelist and short

nastings is a novelest and state story writer as well as a play-wright, and, judging by his easy manner last night, he could yery quickly become a television

Back to Africa Movement.

wine from one hand while glid- Jin, though, without warning, ing the other up a female all hell has broken loose, thigh. In between segments song hits from the 1940s ooze the production's fundar from loudspeakers.

Schulte-Michels Thomas seems to have intended his staging as a savage attack against present-day West German indifference towards the issue of responsibility for all those murders, which now lie so far in the past. He first staged this play in this fashion

Some reviews have defended the production's fundamental premise, but most have savaged it. As soon as they appeared, the chairman of West Berlin's Jewish com-munity (unfortunately without, apparently, having taken the

trouble to see the production for himself) demanded the cancellation of further performancés, Peter Weiss, himself helf-

Hübner, who already had head-aches enough before this cur-rent tornado struck. In a statement, Weiss spoke favourably of this "polarization" and controversial discussion", he asked Hübner to relay to the performers his greetings and to give them courage, and he declared his "complete soli-

darity" with them all. He concluded: "I can imag-ine this play staged differently, but, from what I know about it, I find this production completely suitable for our time.

tries to prepare his audiences for what awaits them and makes himself available for

opening the champagne on their tables and sipping it durits beleaguered director Kurt ing the exposition of this hor-

rifying material. To what extent does Auschwitz remain with us in Germany today? By a grisly coincidence, one leaves the theatre to see in neon, directly across the street, the name firm which documentation shows bought the gold teeth and filling salvaged in the death camps. Survivors say they still have dreams—"all the time "—prompted by camp experiences from which they You have my complete confi-dence. Cancel? Under no cir- and sweating, and from which

And so the show goes on long as they remain alive.

When they expect no surcease as long as they remain alive.

The production is they expect no surcease as long as they remain alive.

The production is they expect no surcease as long as they remain alive. the courage of his convictions, boils down to a question of taste, and de gustibus, as everyone agrees, non disputan-dom est. Thomas Schulte-Michels had, assuredly, the best, most admirable intentions. The individual spectator, in the light of his own experiences, must decide whether he also had commensurate taste.



Conductor and leading lady . . . Bonynge and Sutherland

Beautiful music for a wicked woman

incest. Only the sexes are rever-sed: Donizetti tells of a mother's

infatuation with her son, Verdi of a father's obsession with his

Bonynge: I think that Verdi was much influenced by Lucre-

was much influenced by Lucreia Borgia. The strength of
Donizett's opera lies in his
extraordinarily powerful sense
of the theatre. It is not a matter

The first time Richard Bonyage conducted Donizetti's Lucrezia Borgia in London was at a con-cert performance in 1968. The Cameraman George
Turner, chased by the killer of
Treblinks, simply kept his
camera running. I doubt if it
will win him awards, but it soprano on that occasion in the soprano on that occasion has title role was not his wife, Joan Sutherland, but Montserrat Caballe, making her London debut. At tonight's gale at Covent Garden, where the opera has not been staged for nearly some Joan sings. convinced me. It may even provide fodder for James Burke. a century, Dame John sings Lucrezia, the lady who ends by lot of old music hall songs from the days when Brixton was full of theatres and theatre people. poisoning most of the leading members of the cast, including her son, Gennaro. She has Michael Hasting's Writers and Places was a very nice twinning of nostalgia and political pro-pagenda. Perhaps propaganda is

her son, Gennaro. She has played Lucrezia in three other houses, first in Vancouver in 1972, then in Houston and last on the Sutherland home ground, Hastings, however, is a militant working class writer who has taken to championing the month. Did that ing not put her off the role? Sutherland : For a short time, yes. She was wonderful that night, she spun out the lines

exquisitely. And, I thought, I can't sing that opera. But of course Richard persuaded me. Bonyage : There are passages Montserrat does incredibly well and there are ones Joan sings supremely. I'm not going into detail, but oddly they are not rise same sections. Perhaps we should amaignmate the

two sopranos for Lucrezia for the definitive performance. Sutherland: If you split us down the middle and stuck us together again, darling, we'd still be a large lady.

The similarities between Donizetti's Lucrzia Borgia and Verdi's Rigoletto have been

to her. Sutherland: The cantilena

daughter.

does not suggest wickedness. Maybe it's only when Lucrezia is unmasked that she becomes evil; that beautiful music Richard has mentioned illustrates her love for her boy. But she's certainly a powerful woman, who's achieved a lot by the time she reaches the age of 39. Including poisoning five people. How do the Bonynges rate Lucrezia among Donizetti's

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operas?

Bonynge: Not as good as Lucia or Maria Stuarda. I have a particular affection for Stuarda, which I think is a fanpastically well constructed work -Donizetti at the very apex of his theatrical powers. The qual-

tragedies and both ran into trouble with the censors the core of each opera is formed by family love which verges on

the principal singers; the music is very well balanced. As you know, we're including the arise Donizetti wrote for the tenor Ivanoif, which Richard discounted the tenor transitions. discovered when he was working in the Morgan Library in New York, That's for Alfredo Kraus, who has never sung it before, but it's much better than the one composed for Mario. Alfred

and I are exactly the same age

of coincidence that Felice Romani's libretto sticks very closely to the Hugo. The diffi-culty, I suppose, is to reconcile a wicked woman with the and I'm glad to say that we're both booked well into 1983! The major Donizetti role tackled is Anna Bolena. She was to have sung it in Toronto, but the plans were postponed and are not to be revived in the immediate future. The next major project is a production Verdi's I masnadieri at

the Australian Opera, where Richard Bonyage is Music Director, followed by Adriana Lecoureur at the 1982 Holland Festival. Bonynge insists that Clies's work is the "most bel canto of the verismo operas", a slightly Irish turn of phrase, and he goes on to claim that it is the natural descendant of Bellini, not Verdi. He has also been looking through scores by Pacini and Mercadante, but has not so far decided on anything

for revival Decca, for whom Joan Suther-

Ideas are called for, visions

are helpful, and some sort of

dramatic focus must be imposed

much commented on. Quite ity of the ensemble writing is land has been under exclusive apart from the fact that perhaps the greatest achieveboth are based on Victor Hugo ment of Lucretia. land has been under exclusive contract for some time, have just produced a massive list of contract for some time, have just produced a massive list of her recordings, probably long great deal of brawers in the vocal line. But I like Lucresia because there is something infinitely rewarding for each of the principal singular that the principal singular than the principal singula Saturday's record page.

Sutherland: Don't read 200 much into that Wagner album.
It's not a change of direction
or anything like that. I knew
most of the arias when I first
came to London from Australia. and people tend to forget that my first Covent Garden parts were in Wagner-Woodbird, Rhinemaidens, Eva in Meister-singer. Which of my records give me most pleasure? Turin-dot, because I have never sung it on stage, Esclarmonde, duets with Big P. [Luciano Pavarotti], Love me Forever . . . It's been a long recording career.

Joan Sutherland's next Coven Garden appearance is schedured for almost two years abe when she will sing Leonora in Trovatore, with her husband conducting and the Russian mezzo Obrutzova as Azucena. And the role she would like to return to most? Sutherland: No doubt about

that. The Countess in Figoto. That happens to be the rele

in which she made her Glynde-bourne debut in 1956, the first English-speaking singer to pay it in the Sussex house. John Higgins

also happier shouting, but in

Threads Hampstead

Irving Wardie

Having broken the metropoli-tan and transatlantic dialect barrier with his densely Glas-wegian The Slab Boys, John Byrne now pushes home his advantage with a sequel.

Here, once again, are the helpless Hector, the fast-talking McCann, the emisbly elephantine Spanky, and the maneating Lucide. Last time we saw them fitfully at work in the lower depths of the carpet trade. In Threads they are reunited in their best evening attire, including a white jacket branded with a hot iron, for the staff dance, showing once again that a jolly time together in Paisley ends in a pool of

Robin Lefevre's production opens on two identical mats, representing the boundaries of the ladies' and gents' clockrooms, where the girls and boys arrive to put the finishing touches to their hemlines and Elvis quiffs before taking The fusillade of dialect is as uncompromising as ever, but you get its brutal general drift, and also the technique with which Mr Byrne sustains the plotless comings and goings of his cast of 10.

Terry's crossword puzzle, Sadie's bunions, Hector's hopeless yearning for a piece of female flesh, all these recur again and again, end none more insistently than the genteel Miss Walkinshaw's martyred attachment to an aged mother who finally does mischief to herself with a forbidden

that these separate threads give an artificial rump strapped strict rhythm, less concerned the piece a firm structure, but under her dress as an instruthey do supply a safety net that ment of reducing every male than with observing the strict prevents the dance from falling to instant enslavement. Then sules of tribal insult.



ion that is certainly not to be

faulted by any Southerner. But

the impact of the show lies less

in renewing acquaintance with

the people than in watching

routines of the occasion.

sion to wheedling

they handle the typical

sexual

there are racing commentary into chaos. In The Slab Bous routines, chases with drinks Mr Byrne had a work routine and handbags, unfinished stories that get finished later to fall back on. This time, he has to rely much more on on, and periodic blackouts on which Mr Byrne relies rather character as expressed in raw passions of the annual hop. too heavily to sustain the With many of the original cast laugh count. returning to the party, the piece is played with a ferocious pre-

There are also moments when the pace slackens for glancing references to the futility o these lives and the stunted backgrounds that yield such incessant aggression. But pathos is not really in Mr Byrne's line and it is a relief whenever the production returns to top

Robbie Coltrane's lighting changes from hulking aggres-If there is one moment that defines the whole show it is the advance are one source of fun. spectacle of Freddie Boardley whiplash Another is the whiplash authority of Elaine Collins's and John Breck nose to nose exchanging wordless barks in Lucille, who appears to have

Woyzeck Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

Ned Chaillet

Woyzeck is not a text that requires a justification for per-formance; it does require an idea. When Peter Hulton, the idea. When Peter Hulton, the translator, and Neil Johnston, the director, protest that the play is much closer to completion "than is usually thought" and that their production for the Foco Novo company is of the play "as Buechner left it", they are overstating their case they are overstating their case by a wide margin. It is a dramatic fragment that remains, rich enough in its various drafts to inspire an opera and a film and a multitude of directors with personal visions, but a definitive performance is impossible.

on the short scenes that show the disintegration of the soldier, Woyzeck. Woyzeck's world needs a context if it is to carry anything to an audience, and Mr Johnston's production is as skeletal as the spare wooden frames that divide the stage into suggestions of different rooms. Instead of a substantial presentation of the play the presentation of the play, the production relies on the single performance of a talented actor, Karl Johnson, and conveys only his agony. The rest of the characters are shadows. Noisy shadows, some of them. While

Woyzeck pervously shaves the captain, the captain shouts his lesson on morality to his quavering barber. The doctor, who has paid Woyzeck to subsist on a diet of peas, and who pays him a bonus for his increasing signs of madness, is

superficial motivation. The seduction of Woyzeck's common-law wife by the Drum Major could be a clearer trauma, and the director bas arranged the stage so that Woyzeck wimesses most of Marie's betrayal. But, in dramatic terms, that only spares the captain the trouble of telling Woyzeck he is a cuckold. It is left to Mr Johnson as on obsessed observer to demonstrate the company of the co

both cases it makes for very

strate Woyzeck's collapse through trembling, through frantic movement of his feet and through a face so taut with anxiety that in his restrained delirium he looks like a screaming skull. The final murder of Marie is mere incident in limbo. Des-

pite Mr Johnson's performance, nothing of human relevance is exposed. The play which Buech-ner left in fragments remains in

Ballet Rambert Sadler's Wells

John Percival

Glen Tetley's Rag-Dances was created nine years ago, when Bailet Rambert was rich in began the programme, confirmexperienced soloists of strong personality, so its revival is a from its Manchester premiere challenge to the mostly young dancers of the present company. At the Wells on Monday, when it formed the middle of a triple bill, I thought they coped well, especially the men.

Stephen Ward performed the strange solo that was made for Jonathan Taylor, with its mixture of visual jokes and metaphorical drama; Norio Yoshida and Thomas Yang both had dances of sustained mood. Those three made the most striking impact, but the work as a whole regained its sad, enigmatic mood of lament for lost times and missed chances. I wonder what the ballet would have

looked like if they had been allowed to dance it to Messizen's Quatour pour le fin du temps, which inspired it, instead of the makeshift score in-geniously concocted by Anthony Hymas. Would the music have reinforced or overwhelmed it?

Richard Alston's Bell High ing the impression I reported in January of a remarkably elegant, spacious choreography. The two Maxwell Davies pieces to which it is set, Stedman Doubles and Hymnos, are a tough assignment for the clarinet soloist, and my impression was that Glenn Martin did not carry it off quite so smoothly as before. However, the dancers have now grown

into their parts and give the ballet with exemplary fluency. Completing the bill was Christopher Bruce's Night with Waning Moon, first given last July. His interesting concept of Columbine as an intelligent

woman who would like nothing better than to curl up with a book is vividly incarnated by Sally Owen, who also makes apparent just why she is constantly interrupted by the importunities of men, whether warlike, friendly or full of toonshine. That aspect of the ballet is original, imaginative and satisfying.

Unfortunately, Bruce's obsession with basing ballets on George Crumb's music or Lorca's poems (this work combines the two influences) has led him to overload a strong, simple and self-sufficient subject with a lot of romantic trimmings. It succeeds in spite of that, partly thanks to Pamela Marre's forthright designs, but I am left with the thought that it could easily have been better still with a different, more single-minded approach.

All three ballets suffered because a few people kept coughing noisily all evening; is that unavoidable?

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions

plenty of winter weekend golf and McEroy is getting ready to take part in his third Masters tourus-

match on the last green.

The years proved too much for Sharp and Scott, winners here a

four holes in a row after the turn. Arthur Lees, however, won through to the third round with the Sunningdale assistant,

the Sunningdale assistant, Maxwell after a spot of trouble early on which left them two down after five holes.

Football

Kennedy comes in at Brooking's expense against untried rivals

From Norman Fox Football Correspondent Barcelona, March 25

Ron Greenwood, the England manager, dropped a broad hint for the summer's European champlonship when he amounced the team to play Spain here tomorrow. As expected, the side closely resembels the one that beat Northern Ireland -1 last October but with the inter-esting substitution of Kennedy for Brooking in midfield.

The fascinating question is whether he feels that the partnership of Brooking and Keegan, which at times has been the brightest aspect of England's footheall, has othing more to offer or he is playing politics to avoid showing his complete hand to the Spanish whom England will meet again in the European championagain in the European championship in June. Such manoeuvering is rife today with the Spanish manager, Ladislao Kubala, choosing a ream full of inexperienced ing a ream full of inexperienced players and deprived of all but two from Real Madrid and Barcelona. The more ermanent names in a ream alas struggling to fulfil their potential, Assens, Del Bosque and Santillana, are missing but signifcantly, perhaps, Cunningham, of Real Madrid, is also unavailable

Real Madrid have a busy time ahead domestically and, according to Mr Greenwood, their doctor wrote asking that Cunningham should not play because of concern about "muscle problems", but they allowed him to train with England, which he did naturally without great enthusiasm. Mr Greenwood said Cunningham would probably be a substitute but added that in different circumstances he would have included him because "it would be approprite here". Cunningham's confidence may be helped by that diplomatic remark.

The more important subject of Brooking's omission brought a no more revealing reply from Mr Greenwood than: "There is nothing wrong with him. The decision ing wrong with him. The decision is just my feeling. It is not really related to this match. It suits me not to play him at the moment. Kennedy, who last played in November against Bulgaria after an absence of two years, will give physical power to the left side of the team but reservations are prophysical power to be left such the team, but reservations are provided by a feeling that Brooking always brought subtlety to a middled that now seems to have accepted less mobility. Nevertheless, Kennedy is an honest worker with a hankering after attack. Keegan's ability to take his marker on a devious mystery tour of the pitch could leave Kennedy with

Israelis rely on

Tel Aviv. March 25.—Israel begin the 1982 World Cup cam-

paign here tomorrow with a group five qualifying match against Northern Ireland. The group also northern Scotland, Sweden and

Jack Mansell, Israel's English

Jack Monsell, Israel's English coath, in an enfort to surprise the Irish, has recalled a veteran midfield player Glora Spiegel, and Yizhak Shum from the team who reached the 1978 World Cup finels in Maxico City and held Italy, the beatsn finsiles, to a goaless draw. Shum, 32, has played 67 times for Israel and recently announced his retirement from the national team. Massell has brought him back to add experience to the

team. Manisti has brought him back to add experience to the back line. Israel parade Avi Cohen, transferred to Liverpool for 2200,000 last year. Cohen has not made the first team and all eyes will be on him to show the qualities which persuaded Liverpool to buy him. Cohen will play in midfield instead of defence.

Israel's recent record does not suggest that they can win tomorrow. The team failed to qualify for the finals of the Olympic tournament.

for the finals of the Olympic tournament.

Silkman walks out: Barry Silkman has walked our on Maccabi, an Isroeli club, to whom he was on loan from Manchester City. And his attempt to return to Maine Road has been blocked.

Silkman was Malcolm Allison's first signian, from Plymouth Argyle for £80,000 when the manager rejoined City last year. Tony Book, City's general manager said: "He has a contract with Maccabi until June 10 and until he gats international clearance he can't play for City, as he has writed our on Maccabi."

One of the reasons for Silkman's fecision could have something to do with his being called up for Israeli mational service.—Agencies.

Aston Villa have another injury

Aston villa nave another injury crisis to overcome before tonight's rearranged first division game with Norwich City at Villa Park. Mortimer, Villa's captain, who has missed the last two games with a torn thigh muscle, has been advised by a specialist to rest for another two weeks.

will be missing again with knee and groin injuries respectively and four other players are under treat-

experience

against Irish

To compare the team with the last selection against the Republic of Ireland in February is misleading for it shows seven changes. Mr Greenwood knows that tomor Mr Greenwood knows that tomorrow's side will be having their last ful-scale competitive match before the European championships because the forigh-based players are unlikely to be available for the home internationals and posibly the game against Argentina although Keegan now hopes to be available for what he calls "that important match I would not want to miss." Obviously, the game tomorrow is also ously, the game tomorrow is also of great importance in practical as wel as psychological terms.

Whether Mr Kubala is as near whether Mr Kubala is as near a conclusion about his side is more difficult to assess. Clearly he is under pressure from some of the more important clubs. He met Mr Greenwood's comment that "perhaps he is keeping his players out of the way until Italy" withthecomment: "I want to give the volume of the approach. Italy with mecomment: I want to give the younger ones an opportunity to prove they are good enough for the European championships. My choice has nothing to do with tactics. Your

championships. My choice has nothing to do with tactics. Your manager knows all of our players."

Spain will probably be the least troublesome of England's opponents in Italy unless, of course, they win tomorrow and boost their confidence no end. England, after losing only one match in their last 15 and only two since Don Revieresigned, should continue to improve their status internationally and give some indication of whether they have any chance of winning the European tournament and successfully continuing onwards to the 1982 World Cup which is to be held here in Spain. Spains (Easl Societad): S. Urrulaga (Atteuc Bilbao). B. Wilsuell (Bercham). I. Abetanco (Adeliro Bilbao). B. Gordhio (Bells). F. Reming Clion). E. Salva (Sporting Clion).

Another casualty Today's meeting at Worcester became the 57th lost to the weather this National Hunt season when it was called off yesterday after further overnight rain left the course waterlogged.

Mr Stein is looking further shead—to the World Cup qualifying games with Portugal.

He said at Scotland's head-quarters at Troon: "If we can frighten them now, they won't be coming here with too much hope in seven mouths' time. If the Portuguese could steal a win here it would be a great psychological boost for them. They could come

to Hampden for the World Cup qualifier: thinking: We bave besten them twice and we can do it again."

Scotland's new cap, McLeish, will play in his Aberdeen role, just in front of the back four, which will be petrolled by Hansan of

Nelson's spell

of command

is terminated

Andy Nelson, the manager of second division strugglers Charlton Athletic, was dismissed yesterday. The club announced that his contract had been severed by mutual agreement and the chairman, Mike Gliksten, put on record his appreciation of Nelson's service. Nelson, a former Ipswich Town and Milwall centre half, joined Charlton in May, 1974, at manager after holding a similar position with Gillingham, whom he helped to promotion from the fourth division.

In Nelson's first season Charlton gained promotion to the second division, but since then they have struggled and just avoided relegation in the past two years. At present they are bottom with 2 proints from 33 games and look certain to go down. Mike Bailey, who was appointed coach in December, will look after team Two-match han: The Wales and

Two-match han: The Wales and Wrexham defender, Joey Jones, was suspended for two matches by a Weish FA disciplinary commission yesterday for reaching the 20-point mark.

Stein determined to win

the psychological battle

Jock Stein wants his Scotland Liverpool and Dundes United's side to frighten Portugal in tonight's final European championship match at Hampden Park. With Belgium already through to the finals in Italy, the match has no bearing on the group.

Manufacture fruits and Hansen during the same if necessary.

Mariners' doorway back into full England side

scene today with some challeng-ing words from his club and country manager, Bobby Robson, to fire him into action against the Spanish B team at Sunderland. "The game represents a possible doorway back to the full England team for him ", Mr Robson said. "He has been there before so he knows what it means to play for his country. He also knows there is maly one way back. He must prove in matches like this that he has the right attitude, ambition

The same goes for Vn Anderson and Joe Cornigan and to some extent to the other full cap in the side, Bfyan Robson. If they do well they know they have a chance to be involved, again. If they do not seize the opportunity, it becomes a much longer way back for them." for them."

Mariner, aged 26, won the last of his five caps against Scotland in 1978. After looking the most complete striker around, when Mr Robson paid £200,000 for him in 1976, he lost his goal touch last season and has only recently returned to his best form.

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Anderson too is just emerging from a poor spell. England's first black international won his third cap during the summer tour but has lost his place to Neal and Cherry this season. For Robson, chosen as caotain after leading the under-21 side in their run to the semi-final round of their European championship, the matth reoresents another stage in a football education that should lead to a regular semior place in the future. Alongside the 23-year-old West Bromwich Albion midfield player will be several other youngsters gaining valuable experience. A Roker Park favourite, Elliott, can capitalize on the need to include a local player in the party and the traiming injury which ruled out the Ipswich central defender, Butcher. West Ham United's midfield player, Devonshire, and the Nottingham Forest striker. Birtles, both non-league players only a few years ago, have a similar opportunity to prove that, at 23, they are not too old to break into the futernational scene. Armstrong, Middlesbrough's seemingly ever-present midfield player, may be too old to cherish such ambi-

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Mr Stein added: "Quite a lot of our players were frightened of internationals after the failure in Argendus. But there is now a lot of freshness in this side. We will

be looking for a result because a result is something you can build on. Teams get better by winning. The future isn't built on hard luck stories." Scotland will be out to avenge a 1-0 defeat inflicted on

them by Portugal in Lisbon in Nov

SCOTLAND: A. Rough (Partick Thirtie): O. Burley (Ipswich Town), D. McCraim (Cellic) D. Narev (Dunder United), A. McLaish (Aborden). A. Hansen (Liverpool), K. Dalsilas (Liverpool), G. Sauness (Liverpool), A. Gray (Woverhampton Wanderers), A. Gemmill (Elimiopham Cily), J. Robertson (Notlingham Porest).

Football League

defend their title

The Football League have agreed to help Nottingham Forest defend their European title, by postponing their home league game against Everton on Easter Monday. The game was scheduled only two days before Forest's home leg in the European Cup semi-final against Ajax, of Amsterdam.

help Forest

Holders survive slow start to win at 18th

By Peter Ryde

A day of near spring weather enabled something like true form to be shown in the opening rounds of the Sunningdale Foursomes yesterday. There is not much current form to be true to started. form to be true to at this time of year but there were no obvious upsets, with the possible exception of the defeat of McEvov and Streather. The holders—Will and the reigning English champion, Chapman—were in trouble for a Chapman—were in trouble for a time, but extricated themselves well. Among the stronger pairings there were some big victories, in particular by O'Leary and Mason, Alliss father and son, and the home professional combination of Clark and Williams.

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The leading amateurs were also busy in the first round: the Walker Cup combination of Brand and Brian Marchbauk, now turned professional, won their first round comfortably; but this strong-looking pair went down in the second to G. Davies, who made a good showing here last year, and Stedman. It was left to Marchbank's vounger brother, Wilhiam, a Scottish boy international, and his friend from Auchterarder, Aitken, to keep the family flag flying. Today, they meet another amateur combination of Carrigill and Green, an England international, who got comfortably through two rounds yesterday.

The young professionals who defeated McEvoy and Streather were Keith Macdonald and Cameron. Keithe is son of the Berksthire professional and one of a little clan that have more than once shown themselves to have solf in their bloodd. The amieurs once shown themselves to have golf in their bloodd. The amteurs golf in their bloodd. The amteurs ran into trouble early on, with Cameron holin ga bunker shot at the seventh, and he and Macdonald reaching the turn three up, having used only 11 putts. The amateurs recovered, winning four holes in a row from the 12th, but soon lost their lead and with it the match by getting into trouble ar each of the last three holes. Streather, an old Blue, gets

Foursomes results at Sunningdale

down after five holes. Lees does not waste much time these days on the backswing, but still plays a wonderful game for his years. Between them they gave their opponents plenty to think about with a fine tee shot at the eighth and a bunker shot at the eighth and a bunker shot at the winth, finally overcoming the five strokes they had to concede to Miss Chapman and Hughes. Most of the women competitors are young professionals, but one exception is Miss Cooper who was partnered by Burroughs. As usual with women, Miss Cooper had her troubles on the New course; she could not, for example, reach the green at the short tenth, but a fine recovery by her partner, and a six-foot putt holed by her, was the hole as their opponents took three putts from 14 feet. That swing made them two up, and with three strokes to come, they were

SECOND ROUND OLD COURSE, N. MIRCHAI and G.

Curtis Cup place no trial for Miss McKenna

ACarole Caldwell, of England, and Mary McKenna, of Ireland, malitalized their unbeaten run in the Curtis Cup women's international trials at St Pierre, Chepatow, yeaterday, Both now seem certain of being chosen for the match in June against the United States at the same course when the selectors pick the team of eight today.

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Miss McKenna, aged 30, a bank official in Dublin, who won two matches yesterday and was four up in another when rain stopped play, gave a magnificent performance in beating another Irish girl. Claire Nesbitt, and Sue Hedges, of England. Miss McKenna was round in 75, only two over par on the wet and soggy course. She beat Miss Nesbitt by six holes and Mrs Hedges by seven.

Her score would have been even Her score would have been even better but for the eighth hole, where she missed the green with a nine iron and then took three a mine iron and then took three putts.

Mrs Caldweil, one of only two other players apart from Miss McKenna to play in a previous Curtis
Cup, made a strong recovery to beat irelnad's Mary Gorry by four holes. Mrs Caldwell, winner of the Fortuguese championship mine days ago, won her first two matches yesterday and was one up and one down in the early stages of two more when she was called from the course.

She trailed one down to Miss Gorry at the turn but squared

lams for most of the 16 contenders but not for Janet Melville, the former Bridsh stroke play champton from Barrow. Miss Melville holed six single puits to win by two holes against Sue Crowcroft from the Midlands. Jane Connachan, who is 16, improved her prospects of becoming the youngest player to appear in the Curtis Cup with two victories, against Tegwen Thomas of Wales and Wilms Airken, a fellow Scot. Wiles Aitken, a fellow Scot.

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with a superb bunker shot at the 10th and then won four of the next six holes for an easy victory.

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Rugby Union

Bryanston ' go one better to win sevens

ment, having received a return invitation after twice earning a place as Amateur champion. The bolders, will and Chapman, made a poor start, losing the first By Peter Marson
Bryanston 24 Queen's Taumon 10
Bryanston School, from Dorset,
runners up last year, won an emmade a poor size, rosing me true three holes, and were still three down after eight to the father and son combination of the Johnsons. They then settled down to par golf and had their moses is front by the 13th before winning a hard phanic victory in the festival com-petition of the national schools seven-a-side tournament at Roshampton yesterday when they beat Queen's Taunton by four goals to Queen's random by four goes to a goal and a try. Queen's rose to the occasion splendidly for along the way to the final round they had lost two key players. Garehouse who suffered from concession to the quarter-Sharp and Scort, staners here a quarter of a century ago, who were giving something like 90 years and one stroke to their young opponents, Beauett and Heib. The puts would simply not go in so early in the day for them and although they squared the match from two down, they lost four heles in a row after the turn.

from concussion in the quarter from concussion in the quarter-final round against Greshams, and Badat who was conscussed in the semi-final round against Rossall. Bryanston were the first to score-with a try by Ankalyall being con-verted by Trick who, following a try by Ballett, scored himself, and converted. Trick then converted a try by Saver. This gave Bryanston a lead at half time of 18 points to

fought back and scored a fine try by Greenhow who converted, but Bryanston settled the matter when by Greenhow who converted, but Bryanston settled the matter when Sayer scored a second try which Trick converted. At the day's start we had had a surprise with the defeat of Ampleforth, a school with a glittering past who once again seemed destined for greater things. On the frist day Ampleforth had amassed an astonishing 150 points, against six, from four matches. John Willions, the furner Harlequins and England full back, whose successes fith Ampleforth are fast becoming legendary, was at a loss to explain his team's sudden demise, although, typically he was generous in praise of Culford, who won by 12 points.

Oddly, Culford went out in the next round against a rugged and determined seven from Radley. We then had our first glimpse of Bryanston, and although Feisted played pluckity. Bryanston's heavy armament prevailed, Other schools to have shown promise and who fell in the sixth round were the two irish entites, Coleraine and Regent House, who were overwhelmed by Kingswood; Monnouth, who were a little short of pace sgainst Durham; Worth, and Wimbledon College.

Kingswood give an excellent ell-round display against the Irish side, but here the governing factor had been the speed of the wing, Munnings, who ran in four tries in their victory by 24—0.

John Horton: unable to conceal his delight.

believe it", he said.

In the first of the quarter final matches Radley allowed Trick to skip away for an early try which he converted, and they were 12 points behind at half time. Yet, Bryanston's phlegmatic approach was nearly their undoing in the second helf when Radley launched a spirited counter offensive.

Christ's Hospital, too, were side brimming with determination and spirit, but Durham fielded a team with greater expertise and greater speed. It was at this stage, too, that Kingswood's gallant challenge failed against Rossell's

greeter speed. It was at this stage, too, that Kingswood's gallant challenge failed against Rossall's study seven.

In the first of the sami-final matches bryanston turned on the heat against Durham whom they beet by 25 points to sk, and later on, Rossall's splendid attempt to give us an encore evaporated as Queen's Taunton, dubbed by one distinguished catha, "the kings of Rochampton", romped home by 24 points to 12.

SIXTH ROUND C.

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CIVEN RESIDENT

CONTRACT

Melrose stay up by skin of their teet

melrose 13

A heroic effort by Melrose at the Greenyards last night sived them from relegation to the second division of the Scottish learner. division of the Scottish league. Melrose won by a goal, a try and a penalty goal to three panalty goals and a dropped goal, and the result means that Selidrk are relegated with Jordanhill and that Hawick's last chance of the championship has gone. Hawick's last chance of the chempionship has gone.

Melrose were not expected to
do much against the powerful
Hawick side, but in the firstquarter Hawick failed to penetrate
the Melrose 22 once. When Manzies went over for a try in the
eleventh minute, a try converted
by Anderson, the Melrose lead
was deserves.

ephemeral dream.

Possibly Hawick have already awarded the title, mentally, to Gaia. Possibly, too, their Lions, Renwick and Tomes, are merely going through the motions,

When Esson, the Hawick full back, kicked a penalty goal to bring the score to 5—3, it was hardly instice. The small town side, founders of the sevens game and drawing on a population of less than 3,000, were very much on top. Henderson kicked a penalty goal just before the interval and that restored the balance.

In the second half it was the in the second nar it was the side facing relegation which again dictated the play and Hawick were obliged to play entirely to the Melrose whim. A decision by the It ought to have been increased a few minutes later. Jackson, on the Melrose left wing, was tackled at the corner flag. Looking more

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penalty. Eaton's accurate. Hawick 1 play as only they A drop goal by light fading. Graha the line for a secon to make it 13—12.

Horton ready to | Burwell stopped | Bad knee i

for Wasps
Nigel Horton hopes to be back
in action for Wasps at Easter,
complete with the two front teeth knocked out in Sunday's Middle-sex Cup final. The England lock had the teeth stitched back in and there is a good chance he will

and there is a good chance he will keep them.

A Wasps official, John Gasson, said: "The club deprist was at the match, and Nigel was back in in his surgery and under the anaesthetic before the final whistle. He has been given antitiotics to prevent infection, and although the nerves are dead, the teeth are otherwise intact."

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Haver (Hampion School and Mideles
ext). D. M. Kesting (Sevenoaks School
and Kent). sion for Terry Burwell to play for the East Midlands against the Barbarians in today's Mobbs Memorial match at Northampton In case he is injured four days before their John Player Cup semifinel round meach with Harlequins. The East Midiands secre-tary, Neville Manning, said: "I can appreciate Leicester's decision but what I cannot understand is the lateness of their decision."

Rossiyn Park, who are also

forces Bastiat to

Paris, March former Rugby Un Jeau-Pierre Bastiat t retire after failing Leicester have refused permisa serious injury to i Bastiat, who played his country, winni-against internatio agginst internal countries between sustained serious ligament injury in a after returning to the Far East and He missed the 1979 international champ, hoped to return for championship. Howe

Rossiyn Park, who are also through to the semi-finals, have released their prop. Les Barlow, in order that he may make his first appearance for the Barbarians and their scrum half, Dermot Cullen, to play for the East Midhands.

The Barbarians have had to make four changes to their side. The full back Blyth (Swansea), the centre Richards (Swansea), the centre Richards (Swansea), and the wing forward, Uttley (Wasps), are injured, whereas the scrum haff Robbie (Greystones) has a cup game and is unavailable; (Bristol), Johnston (Watsonians), Patersou (Instonians) and O'Driscoli (London Irish). Farersou (Instonians) and O'Driscoli (London Irish). Sanin, Rossiyn Park, N. W. J. Form, J. A. G. Robolael, R. J. F. Smith, Roche (Metropolitan Policy V. G. M. Cannon, S. J. Russell, D. J. Causebrook, G. N. Phillips (Bedford).

For the record

Tennis

MILAN: Ramazzotti Cup tournament: Mrn's singles, first round: W Scanlon (US) bail P, Berfoltact (Italy): 6—16—22; Tim Guillisson (US) beat V. Penci (Paragnay): 6—3 6—4. T. Smid (Czechoalovskia) beat K. Carren (SA): 6—3, 6—4. Czechoslovškia) beat K. Gurren (SAI, 6—3, 6—4)

CARLSBAD Calliornia: Women's singles, tirst round: Miss P. Shriver (US) boat Miss B. Hallnuist (US), 6—7, 6—4, 7—6; Miss M. Redondo (US), brat Miss L. du Pont (US), 6—1, 6—4, 7—6; Miss M. Redondo (US), brat Miss L. du Pont (US), 6—1, 14 Miss M. Louis (US), 6—0, 6—1; Miss M. Louis (US), 6—0, 6—1; Miss M. Louis (US), 6—3, 4 Miss P. Proquer den (US), 6—3, 4 Miss P. Proquer den (US), 6—3, 14 Miss P. Holladd, (SS) beat Miss L. Molse (US) boat Miss D. Hoe Lee (S Korca), 6—0, 6—3; Miss D. Miss R. Marshova (Cechoslovski) beat Miss N. Yeargin (US), 6—3, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15, 15—15

Football

Micosia: Uca under-18 champion-ship: Cyprus O, Poland 1.

Boxing

TOKYO: Middleweight: James Cal-Jaghan (GB) beat Jong Sathlragym (Thailand), pls.

STREKKE PLESO. Czechosolskia: World Cup. 20m lump; 1. A. Kogler (Agstra). 239. Spia: 2. H. Milleoni (Agstra). 237. Spia: 2. H. Milleoni (Austra). 237. Spia: 2. H. Neuper (Austra). 236. Zpia: 4. K. Ostwald (E. Grand, 236. R. G. M. Aklmoto (Jupan). 236. R. G. M. Aklmoto (Jupan). 236. R. G. M. Aklmoto (Jupan). 236. R. George (Construction). Spia: 2. Kogler. 220; 3. S. Bobak (Polsand, 150; 4. H. Yagi (Japan). 116; 5. M. Aklmoto. 109; 5. J. Saetre (Norway). H. Millonig, 108.

Show jumping

LEADING TOUR EARNINGS: Men (all US): 1. T. Watton \$183,623; 2. L. Trevino \$110,548; 3. J. Cobert 587,775; 4. A. Sean \$86,231; 3. G. Burns \$79,945; 6. D. Pol \$76,627, 7. D. Eichelberger \$73,300; 8. C. Stadler \$72,611; 9. B. Crenshaw \$71,774; 10. K. Fergus \$70,331.

Today's fixtures

7.30 uniess stated EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Qualifying round): Scotland v Portu-sal i Europen Park, 8.01. England v Spain (Sunderland)
FIRST DIVISION: Aston Villa v PIRST STATES OF THE PROPERTY O ALLIANGE PREMIER LEAGUE;
Boston United v Barrow, Scarborough
v Wealdstone.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE; Southern division: Addissione v Fareham, Dover v
Poole Waterlooville v Margate.
MORTHERN PRIMIER LEAGUE;
Burton Albin v Gainsborough, Mossley
v Marine Worksop v Grantham.
ISTMMAN LEAGUE; First division;
Hortford v Epsom and Eveil, Second
division; Foltham v Worlhing.
RUGBY UNION: Abservon v Bristol
17.00. Bath v Gloncester (7.15; East
Middlands v Barbarlans (Northamoton,
3.01, Pontypool v Ebbev Valc 17.01,
Clamorgan Wanderors v South Glam
institute (7.01, S); Mary's College v
Borough Road College. First division.
Wakefield Town v Hunslet, Casificiar
v Hall Kingston Rovers, Second division: Halifax v Rochdale Hornels.

semi-final against Ajax, of Amsterdam. Everton had aiready agreed to the postponement, which leaves them with a clear week before their FA Cup semi-final against West Ham United at Villa Park. The game will now be played on May 9. Tottenham Hotspur have rejected a similar request from Arsenal, who meet Juventus at Highbury in a Cup Winners' Cup semi-final. The Easter Monday North London derby is aiready a sell-out. Osgood signs: Peter Osgood, the former Cheisea and England striker, has signed for the League of Ireland club, Waterford. They have signed Osgood to help bring them their first FA Cup triumph in 43 years.

Cattouse ends a Scottish monopoly at lightweight

Ray Cattouse, of Balham, ended a Scottish monopoly of the British lightweight championship when he beat Dave McCabe of Garcosh, on his home ground at the St Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow on Monday night.

Apart from Charlie Nash of Londonderry who took the title last year then gave it up to go into Europe, this particular belt has been held in turn by Jim Watt, Willy Reilly, Ken Buchanan, Jim Watt and Ken Buchanan. The last two rounds of the contest. Cattouse said afterwards that McCabe's southpaw style had given him great difficulty. "I did not want to win on a cut and is most pointed as far as that goes.

"But I came to win and that is what I did. I expected a hard light and I got one, but I knew the could not last that pace for the 15 rounds, so I was never particularly worried."

Cattouse will now aim for cattouse will now aim for Europe and so will the former last Englishman to win it was Maurice Cullen in 1965 and he lost it to Buchanan three years later. Cattouse's win, therefore, was something of an achievement, but it was a pity the bout did not match it.

not match it.

It was ended when McCabe was stopped by the referee after 53 seconds of the eighth round with blood streaming from an inch and a half cut over his left eyebrow. His corner claimed it was a collision of heads and there were many mauls in which the damage could have occurred with neither could have occurred with neither man being particularly to blame. Tommy Gilmonr, McCabe's manager, also claimed that his man was alread at the time and few could argue with that. Cat-Tuesday touse was fidally beginning to defends settle down and his best work was Wales.

Cattouse will now aim for Europe and so will the former champion Charlie Nash, beaten last week in a world title bout in Glasgow by Jim Watt. Cattouse and Nash could have met for the British title last year. Now they seem on a collision course again.

Dakin to officiate

Roland Dakin, the judge who caused controversy with his marking and attitude when Alan Minter bear Vito Antuofermo in Las Vegas, has been appointed by the British Boying Board of Control to referee the British welterweight championship contest at Wembley Conference Centre next Tuesday, when Kirkland Laing defends against Colin Jones, from Wales.

Australians to compete in Moscow Olympics

Melbourne, March 25.—The Australian Swimming Union is going ahead with plans for competing in the Moscow Olympics, despite Government disapproval, and today announced an Olympic team considered one of the most experienced for many years.

The head coach, Forbes Carlie, said today that all the swimmers had international experience, except the youngest member. salu today that an the symmers had international experience, except the youngest member, Georgina Parkes, aged 14, of New South Wales.

He rated Tracey Wickham, of Queensland, the world distance free-style record holder, and Michelic Ford, of New South Wales, as Australia's best gold medal prospects. The girls are both 17 and won two gold medals in the Australian national titles. last week—Miss Wickham in the 400m and 200m free-style and Miss Ford in the 800m and 1,500m free-style. However Carlile said they had not yet reached their top form.

top form.

The Australian Olympic Federation, which also has the backing of the Australian Amateur Athle-tic Union in favour of competing at Moscow, will meet on April 19 to decide whether Australia goes to Moscow. The swimming team will have three training camps before the Games, the first in Brisbane for

three weeks from May 2. The others will be in Sydney and in Vittell, in Eastern France, before the team files to Moscow, arriving on July 14.

MEN: G. Brewer, N. Brooks, P. Evans, M. Kettzer, P. Moorloot, M. Morsan, G. Patchen, L. Spencer, M. Tonelli, Wowshiel, R. Brown, L. Curry, M. Ford, L. Forrest, L. Hanel, G. Parkes, M. Pearson, K. Van de Grazi, T. Wickham.—Agenco France-Pross.

Rhodesian hockey trip

Natrobi, March 25.—Southern Rhodesia has invited Kenya to participate in a hockey tournament next month to mark the country's independence celebrations, the Kenyan Hockey Union said here today. Krishan Gautama, the chairman of the KHU, said his union had accepted the invitatio nand that the Kenyan team would leave for Salisbury on April 12 and return two weeks later. It will make Kenya one of the first independent African nations to open sporting links with Southern Rhodesia since the elections last month.

Cricket

AUCKLAND: Thames Valley President's XI, 172; Derrick Robins' Young England XI, 32 for 5.

Latest European snow reports

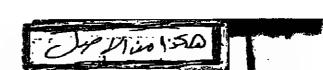
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oblem arises from the the Cambridge reserves, amaged their boat warmbefore last Saturday's the River race. Cammediately offered them to boat and took over the to boat and took over the sport boat used by the team eight, who won last a major Head race in me. The change of boats rged by Graeme Hall, the e coach, a national coach

licate matter has arisen, ope will be resolved Cambridge have the either removing the Leisure Sport from their t, offering it to their or losing a lot of money, no doubt, however, that e will wish to row this

year in the 1976 boat which is in year in the 1976 boat which is in excellent shape. Oxford, too, would not wish the racing shell to be the foral point of the Boat Race. Ladbrokes were in touch with Mr Alen Mays-Smith, organizer of the Boat Race, vestered to what their chiefers. yesterday, to make their objection. The Boat Race presidents will no doubt be in touch today to dis-cuss the matter: A sensible com-promise could be reached by Leisure Sport, who have so far received, I hope, a good run for their money, allowing the Cam-bridge University crew to delete the company's name from the

I can understand Ladbrokes' objection. There have been disagreements with the BBC in the last three years on the sensitive topic of sponsorship. Oxford and topic of sponsorship. Oxford and Cambridge crews are out of their depth in these financial politics.

Mr T. I. Calliff, a director of Leisure Sport, which runs Thorpe Park, leisure park near Staines, said that the matter was one for Cambridge and Ladbrokes to settle. Mr Calliff added that the lettering on the boat was two inches high.

Yesterday, at the weigh-in arranged by Ladbrokes, the crews arrived late, with Cambridge last. Both crews averaged 13st 811b each. Today's outings are Oxford 10.0 and 3.0, Cambridge 9.0 and 4.0 for Britania. 4.0, from Putney,

ONFORD 9 R. W. Francis (St. Profes And Corrows Christis, box. N. St. Conington (Hampiton and Oriel), M. D. Androws (Abingdon and Oriel), M. D. Androws (Abingdon and Magdaign), L. Bisand (King Edward VI. Stafford, and Merion), M. B. Rankov Bredford 13 and Corpus Christis, L. J. J. Bisandon, and Orieli, J. C. M. Barry, Rediey and Orieli, M. J. Disangus (Wallington) and St. Stafford and St. Edward Hall, Cox.

Mary Glen Baig, the chairman of the CCFR, said that events of the past months, which had thrust sporting considerations into the political arens "will force us all to rethink our role are the constitution and recreational

It was quite dear, Mrs Glen Hing maintained, that we could

no longer bide behind the shield of detachment from political considerations. We would be notive if we felt we could ever return to the tranquil and self-imposed isolation from political factors. We must ask ourselves exactly what was to be the nature of our relationship with politicisms and political arguments and we should work towards the creation of an administrative structure which would properly reflect the role of government in sport.

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or government in sport.

"If sport is inescapably confused with politic:", she asked risetorically. "Is it possible for as at least to ensure that party political considerations can be kept outside sporting affairs?"

Hockey

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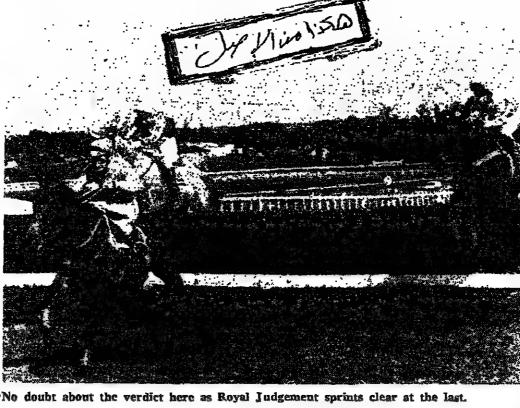
assaults at bay

Zongalero may yet add quality to National

ground for Saturday's Grand National at the four-day stage yesstate of the four-day stage yes-terday, so we could have the smallest field for the race stace 1970 when 28 took part. Unfor-mately, the debit on the quan-tity side is not made up for by the quality of the runners and prefering or the runners and prefssional opinion appears to be hardening in favour of a repeat of last year's race when Rubsuc Zongalero and Rough and Tumble were the first three home. Rumours were spreading faster than that well known brand of

man that well known brand of margorine vesteday about the well-being—or lack of ir—of the long-nume favourite. Zongalero. The bookmakers, who seem to have a better intelligence service than MIS, cannot push his price out fast enough. However Nicky Henderson is adamant that Zongalero has been isolated from his virus stricken stable companions in time and a bloodcount taken virus stricken stable companions in time and a bloodcount taken on Monday proved 100 per cent satisfactory. Michael Phillips watched Zongalero gallop yesterday morning and reported that the borse looked in tiptop condition. It just remains to be seen wheiher Zongalero suffers the same lastminute fate as Northleach, the heavily backed antepost favourite for last Saturday's Lincoln handigap.

cap. Rubstic, whom almost every Rubsic, whom almost everyone, whatever their own particular fuccy, gives an outstanding chance of doing a "RedRum", is clear favourite withHills and Corais at 6 to 1. Zongalero has drifted out from 7 to 1
to 9 to 1 with Hills, on the same
mar as Rough and Tumble. The
best backed outsiders in the last
couple of days have been Godfrey
Secundus, Coolishall and Royal
Stuart, Fred Rimell, who mains
Godfrey Secundus, has three other



The biggest groan on a marvellous spring day at Sandown Park vesterday came about 30 seconds yesterday came about 10 seconds after the start of the main race, the Alaubrooke Memorial Handicap Steeplechase, when the hot favourite, Approaching, who was recently fourth in the Gold Cup, went down at the second fence and lay there on his back licking his legs in the air like an upended beetle. The loudest cheer of the afternoon was reserved for the unfortunate bookmaker whose stand afternoon was reserved for the unfortunate bookmaker whose stand
and bag full of takings fell over
with a resounding crash during
the last race. The embarrassed
gentleman and his sidekick moved
like wing threequarters to pick up

happily was quite unscathed after his accident, rubbed the Alan-brooke steepleshase of its main interest. Verertheless, there was interest. Verortheless, there was an exciting finish in which Scroggy, well ridden by Richard Linley, theaked up on the itside of the pacemeling hir Barnac hefore the last to aim oute comfortably. Scroggy's ruiner. Toby Balding, said afterwards that he was pleasantly surprised by the victory of his eight-year-old, who was off the caurse for a year with leg trouble, had the cough and shown no form in his previous three race. this esseon. interest. and shown no form in his prefortunate bookmaker whose stand
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The exit of Approaching, who

Approaching's trainer, Josh Gifoird, had earlier taken the Novices' Streplechase with the fast improving Royal Judgment. who smoothly supplemented his victory at the last suceting here. Royal Judgment will probably have one more race this season, in a conditions event, and he could eventually make up into a could eyentually make up into a smart handicapper. Saragusa, who had falen when a hot favourite at Hundiagdon lust time out, anded a gamble in the Spring Handicap Steeplechase. Backed from 7 to 2 to 9 to 4, Saragusa was ridden confidently by offin Francome to sprint tway from his tivals after the last fence.

STATE OF GOING (official): Callerist Eridge: Soft. Tomorrow: Mack-gool: Soft. Toutlon: Soft. Stockin-on-Tool: Heaty.

O'Brien's equine art gallery looks a picture of fitness

nce Philip's warning on

ernment aid to sport

decisions about participation in international sport will have to be made. What is important is what the occasion is and who makes the decision. He had the greatest sympathy for all those "involved in the present problem. I know they're all acting in good faith. I hope that whatever is decided will be accepted philosophically and without bitterness or recrimination." ooke of Edinburgh a warning yesterday acceptance of govern-Doke of y sporting bodies. The became dependent on nt, the more they gave independence, he told ini general meeting of ini Council for Physical out bitterness or recrimination

Maced his speech with irk that he would not irk that he would not ing about the other subsubject that has con-port for the last two —s reference to the Dlymples and a possible of them. force us all to remain our fole as sporting and recreational administrators. The old and com-forming values of sport for sport's seke and the ideal of sport as a means of promoting friendship and harmony among nations have been dramatically brought into question."

ne can deny". Prince id, "that political con-s have an effect on oal sport, for instance, no competition in war ents in all counmire prestige through This involvement carries are sport in their own to inevitable consequence

es bodies saw any value indence, he argued, "it them to look closely at they accept government It was the right of versment "to decide by sens it will make finantance available to sport, choice of the means is ation of their desire to control over sport".

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March 25 .- A proposal

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Pakistan and India, start-

October, has been made akistan cricker board. The

of two Tests in Paki-

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card at their meeting next

ınd Pakistan are also plan-

hold a world cup pext year

to the competition staged

nd in 1975 and 1979. Eng-

ustralia, West Indies and aland will be invited to with the two hosts, the

er Dawn reported today.

Australian captain, Greg rriticized the pitches for the recent series Pakistan, when the tourstopped in Karachi yeson their way home. Chapthe thought the pitches epared to make the fast ineffective and added that a missed the off spin Ashley Mallett, who was in by injury from touring.

e question of growing in-

l a players' association was

be formed in Australia yould formulate a code of It would help to comrol laviour as occurred in the

arsial series between New and West Indies in which

st Indians were critical of

dard of umpiring.—Renter.

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Racing Correspondent Vincent O'Brien has nearly half

Vincent O'Brien has nearly half the number of horses in his stable that Heavy Cecil has in his at Newmarket, but it is a safe bet that we will be hearing a great deal of the master of Bailydoyle again this season. With the continued backing of Robert Sangster and Danny Schwartz, O'Brien's yard once more shelters the best that money can buy; indeed a look at the horses there is not sulfike at the horses there is not unlike a visit to an equine art gallery. It is certainly an unusual experience to walk into a box, as I did last week, to be told that the horse before your eyes cost as much as \$1,600,000 unraced at public auction. public auction.

public auction.

O'Brien's collection of two-yearolds this year is arguably the most
blue-blooded he has ever had.
Time alone will tell whether they
are good racehorses, but they already look the part and it will be
surprising if something exceptional does not emerge in the
months ahead. For the time being,
however, the two-year-olds are
just names with fancy pedigrees.
The real interest at present lies
in the three-year-olds—the stara
of today and the stallions of tomorrow, Ballydoyle surely houses
a very live hope in Thousandfold
for this year's sprinters' champion-

Waterford Testimonial Stakes by six lengths. Before that Thousand-fold had besten this year's classic hopes, Dalsaan and Tyrmavos, at Doucaster on St Leger day to be-Doucaster on St Leger day to become not unappropriately the thousandth winner of Steve Cauthen's meteoric career. If everything goes according to plan Thousandfold will have three races in Ireland before his first objective in England which is the Kings Stand Stakes on the fourth and last day of Royal Ascot. Come that day he may well be everyone's banker.

On the clastic front O'Brien is obviously in a stronger position than most because he trains Monteverdi, the cole who topped the

est year. No three-year-old colt that I

No three-year-old colt that I have seen this spring looks more forward in his cost or better muscled. Monteverdi may not have grown appreciably—he actually measures 15.23 hands—but he has certainly thrived and out on condition in all the right places, noticeably over his quarters and down his loins, Lack of inches did not stop The Minstrel from winning the Derby three years ago and unless I am much misniken Monteverdi will be hard to beat at Epsom on June 4 no matter what he achieves in the meantime.

seriously contemplating a crack at the Franch 2,000 Guineas at the and of April it Night Alert comes through his preliminary test with figling colours in which ever race Monteverdi does not run. Visitors to Newmarket last October might recall seeing Night Alert win the Houghton Stakes on the same day as the Champion Stakes. He looked a trifle on the leg that afternoon but he has made up into a very nice colt, who clearly takes the fancy of T. P. Burns, one of the most experienced riders at Ballydoyle.

Ruguenot, who lost only one of his four races last year and that on a disquadification, Indian Lore and Magasteriel are others being talked of in the context of the Irish 2,000 Guineas. Indian Lore is a haif brother to the top-class miler, Janueiro, who won that particular classic, and Magasterial is cold by the famed Northern a coit by the famed Northern Dancer and from the same female family that produced the fine race mare, Allez France.

Mare, Alles France.

When writing about Henry Cedi's stables vesterday I mentioned strength in depth. Just as this is vital if a top-class football club is to do well at the highest level to is it necessary if a stable is to be successful, and there is certainly plenty of talent among O'Brien's three-year-olds. Del Sarto. despite having only one for this year's aprinters' championship; he is seen as a natural successor to Thatthing and Solines
ofter his brilliant victory last
October when he tora up the
Curragh to win the five-furiong

In right Alert U Stien trains a
Sarto. despite having only one
eve as a result of an accident in
Nimsky, who could prove a very
his yearling days, and Triomphe
street two others for whom most
trainers would eagerly swop
and the first helf of the season—
Curragh to win the five-furiong so able in fact that O'Brien is simost anything. Triomphe is a

particularly nice coit by the American staillon, Holsi the Flag, who is renowned in Europe as the sire of the dual Arc whener, Alleged. He leoks like staying a mile and a belf too, and judged on the way he ran away with his only race last season he looks like being a cut above average.

The mystery horse in the yard is obviously Muscovite. As the winner of his first race by eight lengths, he started at 2-7 to win his next, but he could finish only sixth, 12 lengths betind his scalle companion Monteyerdi who has Clearly Muscovite did not do un Clearly Muscovite did not do on the racecourse that day what he had shown himself capable of at home. "I can only think that his heart is not in the game " is how O'Brien explains that lamentable effort. However, the fact that he is still persevering with Muscovite suggests that he is at least hopeful that the entiresism can be reliaded. Forlene and Wedgwood Bue are the two three-year-old Blue are the two three-year-old fillies I would keep an eye on in the fairly immediate future:

For the past two years Bally-doyle had been bedevilled like many other stables by a virus of some description and I was fascinated to bear O'Brien say that he is now innoculating his horses these mouths because the is convinced that the vaccines available are ineffective after six months, let alone a year. No one could say that his horses do not look a picture of health and fitness at present.

Law Report March 25 1980

Queen's Bench Division

Adoption: councillor may see confidential papers

Regina v Ekrmingham City District Council, Ex parte O Before Lord Justice Eveleigh and

Confidential information re-ceived by the social services com-mittee of a local authority relating to persons applying (or adoption may be revealed to a member of the local authority who is unconnected with the committee because the local authority is the adoption agency with responsi-bility for adoption, and where the councillor is genuinely concerned about the adoption, she is entitled to receive such information as a member of that agency. The Divisional Court so held in

refusing an application by a husband and wife, prospective adopters, of Birmingham, for an order prohibiting the local authority from disclosing to a councillor un-connected with the social services department any information about them recorded in confidence by the department. Regulation 2 of the Adoption

Agencies Regulations, 1976, (ST 1976 No 1796) provides: "(1) ... dopolon agency means a register a adoption society or a local authority acting as an agency making or participating in arrangements for the adoption of children..."

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Regulation 10 provides: "Any information obtained by a person in the course of negotiations entered into by or on behalf of the agency with a person proposing to place a child with an agency for adoption or with a person proposing to adopt him, shall be treated as confidential and shall not be disclosed...." mot be disclosed..."

Miss Elizabeth Lawson and Mr
William Birtles for the husband
and wife: Mr Raymond Scars,
QC, and Mr Ian Croxford for the

QC, and Mr Ian Croxford for the local authority.

LORD JUSTICE EVELEIGH said that under the terms of section 28(2) of the Adoption Act, 1958, a local authority had power to make and participate in arrangements for the adoption of children. Birmingham City District Council did in fact exercise that power. It did so largely through the work of social workers employed by the local authority, and those workers were immediately responsible to the social services committee. In the case of a child not in care application might be made to the local authority for approval of the proposed adoption, and the matter would be investigated by the adoption unit of the social services department.

Chalified social workers would

rices department. Qualified social workers would Qualified social workers would investigate the matter and report to an adoption panel, which consisted of settlor social workers. The panel would report its approval or disapprovol to the chairman of the social services committee, who had power to approve, in which case the application could be made to the County Court for a judge's order. In the case of a child in care, information relating to the child and its parents would already be in the hands of a team of social workers in the social services department. It was that section department. It was that section of the department that made the investigation and reported to the adoption panel for the panel, in turn, to report to the social services committee.

In the present case a husband and wife wished to adopt a child in care to whom they had been sching as foster parents. After they had applied for adoption, it acting as foster parents. After they had applied for adoption, it is should be refused.

so happened that the wife appeared before the housing subcommittee, on which served Mra Willetts, regarding an inquiry into arrears of rent. In the course of the investigation Mrs Willetts Birmingham.

received information to the effect that the husband had previously served a prison sentence, and that at one time when they had been foster parents the family had been homeless. That caused Mrs Willetts concern because she knew of the adoption application, and she asked the social services department for information relating to the adoption. She was given information through a subcommittee of the department on the basis of social workers' reports, but was dissaustied and asked to inspect the department's files. The local authority's solicitor advised the department that they should disclose their files to

Mrs Willetts, although she was not connected with the social services committee. Miss Lawson, for the husband and wife, contended that the information recorded by the department had been given to social workers in confidence and should not be divulged to anyone who was not a member of the com-

It was clear from the wording of regulation 2 of the Adoption Agencies Regulations, 1976, that an "agency" within the meaning of regulation 10 included a local authority. The agency in the present case was the local authority, and as Mrs Wiletts was a member of the agency, if there was no defectation of the local authority's responsibility. It would authority's responsibility. It would be unorguable that she would be entitled to receive the information.

Miss Lawson however, conten-ded that Mrs Willetts had never been entitled to receive the information because the Adontion. Act envisaged that adoption worl: should be delegated to the social services committee. His Lordshin could not accent His Lordshin could not accent that contention because the regulations made it clear that there was a particular responsibility, which rested in the agency itself, even though the regulations envisaged that there might be a committee performing certain functions. The agency as a whole was a proper body to receive information, and the local authority was therefore a responsible body to which confidential material might properly be revealed. In

which confidential material neight properly be revealed. In adoption matters the function of the local authority under the Adoption Act was not, and could not be, delegated in such a way of to denude the local authority of its power. That being so, any mem-ber of the local authority had an interest in adoption proceedings, and in pursuance of genuine concern in the matter, the member had a right to receive information med a right to receive in ormation, whether or not he or she was a member of the social services, committee. The right law in the agency itself, which had a responsibility to exercise the function under the Act.

In so far as it was said that the hundred and wife equil different the

busband and wife could dictate the, extent to which the information provided by them could be used on the basis that it was given confidentially, it was apparent that when information was provided by applicants for extention that we are when information was provided by applicants for adoption they were providing the information to the agency, and that the information was not limited to the social-workers as the only recipients, it was information in its entirety to a member of the agency genuinely concerned as a member of the local authority, who was not necessarily a person immediately consarily a person immediately con-pected with the work of the social

Catterick Bridge NH programme

2.15 FORCETT PARK HURDLE (Selling: £483: 2m)

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RAF defenders





3.45 FAVERDALE CHASE (Handicap: £1,386: 3m 300yd)

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Erstine Netherly W. New. 6-12-5
Broadymaid. I. Pairboirn. 6-13-5
Coitavids, H. Dull. 7-11-5
Erstine Netherly W. New. 6-12-5
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Erstine W. A. Stechenson. 4-11-5
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Catterick Bridge selections

By Our Racing Staff 2.15 Jean Marjorie. 2.45 Lyne Boy. 3.15 Tidy Work. 3.45 High Rebel. 4.15 Another Denetop. 4.45 Golden Jest.

The organisers of the Services bockey championship removed their camp from Uxbridge yesterday to the all-weather pitch at Bisham Abbey, where the RAF held on to a slender lead to beat the Army. The RAF will defend their title today against the Royal Navy, at Uxbridge unless the weather brings about another change of ground. change of ground.

Yesterday's game had plemy of spirit, but suffered from a general tack of plausing. One of the few players who read the game correctly was Duerden, particularly after he had abandoved his post as a right wing to prompt the RAF attack from the middle.

Making a more confident start, the RAF scored in the seventh minute through Stalker, who Leicester results Also Ran: 3.1 fav Peeco Penco, B-1 Pytestaff (4th), 9-1 Heath House, O-1 Kelly's Rep. Young Cartie. Zobo, Ichworld Dawn. 12 ran. TOTE: Wir. 6Cp: places, 46p, 745p. 19p: dual forecast: £6.93, CSF: £5.38. P. Cole at Lambourn, 11cl. 41.

TOTE: Win, 27b; dual forecast, 15p. CSF: 17p. 1. Balking, at Kingsciere, 31, 201.

31. 201.

3-45 (3.48) HOLWELL STAKES (Randicap: £1,335: Im 40 GREY MOUNTAIN, or g. by Town Cries Aborneite [8, McGongle) 17-9-5 P. Young (5-2 fat) 1 (mas Away P. Eddary (12-1) 2 ALSO RAN. 8-1 Frash, 10-1 Miss Hongroens, Robert Adam. 12-1 Beverley Boy Futan, 14-1 Level Ingal. 16-1 Rolingo, Hot Lins Mol. Sills Fishios. 40-1 Lady Abermani, 50-1 Speedigm (4th). Mustarder. 15 ran. Princely Chief did not run. TOTE: Win. 429: places, 140, 300. 27p; dual forecast, £2.10. CSF: £5.00. P. Keileway, at Newtownski, 11, 17-1.

short corner. The Army riposted soon after with a short corner which led to a penalty stroke, musions: £599: St.

ROLLIN HAMD, b. c by Some Hand

Josin (W. Pensenby) 8-11.

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ALSO RAN: 5.1 it fav. Raia Scriptor (42h). -1 Off The Red. Star Elegthon (42h). -1 Off The Red. Star Elegthon Tops. Gaybern, 20. Swingbay Swance.

Kiber Tiff. 11 etc. NR: Annie Rib.

Niber Tiff. 11 etc. NR: Annie Rib. Doyle saving brilliantly from Banham. Determined not to be denied, the Army struck again in a com-bined assault. A nice pick-up by Jenner on the right left him with a clear passage and, getting well-into his stride, he ran through to score the equalizer. Doyle made a TOTE Win, 51p places, 145p.; 16p. 51.64; dual forefast: £4.55. CSF: £2.98, P. Cole at Lambourn, 51 11. score the equalizer. Doyle made a contorted save from Jenner soon after and was penalized for a faulty clearance, which led to an abortive short corner.

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The second half had barely started when Bales, easily the best forward on the field, restored the RAF's lead from a pass by climon; but the Army twice came close to levelling the store, Smith's shots being saved on the line, first by Paddon and then by Sutton. One of Draper's better shots

minute through Stalker, who followed up Draper's hit from a

One of Draper's better shots from a short corner was well saved by the goalkeeper before the Rrmy huried themselves into a late onslaught. Hardwick nearly scored off the first of two short corners, but the RAF goalkeeper made a fine save in the last

minutes.

RAF: CD: D. Doyle: F/ld I. Draper.

Set C. Paddon. Coi U. Lenet. Coi I.
Climon. Sal A. Stolker. PO P. Sutton.

Set C. Duerdon (Cadd). F/ld A.

Herdey. F/ld S. Bales. Coi N. Rama.

M. W. Stott. L. Coi G. Armstrong. Capt.

S. M. W. Stott. L. Coi G. Armstrong. Capt.

S. M. W. Stott. L. Coi G. Armstrong. Capt.

S. M. M. Eastan (Captain). Mail

V. T. M. Smith. L. R. Bradov. Mail

H. D. Jonner. Set P. Havin. 2nd Lt

M. Earham. Lt T. M. Marweba. Cpl

G. Hardwick.

Limbers and F. Set F. L. Hubber

(RAF). and F. Set F. L. Hubber

TOTE: Win. 40n: places, 10p. 48s, 37p. Daul F; 23.63. CNF: 28.40. G. Hunter at East Holey U. 57. 48.40. G. 4.15 (4.48) REMOSTONE STAKES (Randicap: 5-y-0: 21.266.5) Remostrone Stakes (Randicap: 5-y-0: 21.266.5) Remostrone Strings (7.1) Remostrone Strings (7.1) Remostrone Strings (7.1) Remostrone Compete (7.1) Remostrone (7. 2.45 (2.52) BESCARY STAKES (2-y-0)

Sandown Park NH 2.0 (3.1) DOWNS CHASE (Seiling: handicho: £855; 2m) TOTE: win, 25p; places, 12p, 14p, 24p; that forcest, Tip, CSF, £1.70. M. Stephene at Taunton, 71. 5l. Winner sold for 1.750 gns, 2.50 (2.32) NOVICES' CHASE (\$1,744: 3 mm 6854)

(21.744: 2 m 68rd)

ROYAL JUDGEMENT. b d by
Arctic Judge Outers of the May
(Lady Bootes) 7-13-5 (f fav) 4

Hectare ... J. Francome 17-2: 2

Silent Eurn ... H, Davies 114-1: 3

ALSO RAN: 100-50 (f fav Flyins
Gamble, 10-1 Davi For (Am), Baylor
Mist, 12-1 Venges Brake (f), 16-1
Chilicum (f), Genovese (r), 25-1
Werry Kerty (r), 35-1 Space Baby (p), 36-1 Enly for the Boys (n). Fiora
Fahan (f), Malew (p), No Belle, Sun
Justina did not run.

TOTE: win. 450: places, 24p, 12n. TOTE: win. 450; places. 24p 12n. 54p; dual forecast. 49p. CSF; 21.58. J. Gifford at Findon. 51, 51. 4.15 (4.21) MARBOROUGH STAKES
(3.3-0 maiden filllet: £379: Lm)

XIAN, ch f. by Salinst—Turn (D. Harris). 8-11 P. Cook (5-2 59) 1

Billie Jean R. Contami (3-1: 2

Ben Yoyaya J. Marmas (9-2: 2

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Hermin (4th.). 10-1

Ortavia. Rosane's Star, 14-1 Lilling
Star, 10-1 Locky Mistake, Lucky Prospect. 20-1 Folly Lung, 25-1 Camercontart Lydy. Todors Dilemma. 35-1

Sweet Louisb. Bellino. D'Orleins.
Fiddlets Ree. Our Mandy. 17 rm. Nr.

Chun Yarka.

TOTE: Win, 38p: places, 15o, 15p, 13p, 14p; dual F. 95p, CSF: 52.75, H. Westbrook at Newmarket, 101, 21.

4.40 (5.40) ROYAL ARTHLERY UBIQUE CHASE GUP Hunters: £1.110: 3m 51) MOUNTOLIVE, b 9. by Zeas Boy—Straight Lady (R. Shepherd). 10-11-15 Mr. R. Shepherd (11-4) 9 Old Klewara Miss R. Rarper (6-1) 2 Cleamellon Miss Lacy King (5-2 fav) 3 ALSO RAN: 9-2 Poker, 7-1 Androw Patrick (p). 12-2 Circisteas Come! (p), The Total (4th). X5-1 Homer the Greek (p). 5 ran. NR: Codwar and Tangled Knight. TOTE: Win, 31p; phres. 18p. 56p. Tanelod Khight.

TOTE: Win, 31p: phoes. 18p; 36n, 12p: deal F; 25.21. CSF; 22.00. R.
Shepherd at Circlensater. 4d, 20.

TOTE DOUBLE: Royal Judgement and Scroger, 257.20. TREELS.
Stroomy, Ten tip and Saragum. 255.85.
JACKFOT: 21,202.20, PLACEPOT: 219,78.

Sedgefield results

CONCENTRATION OF CONTROL OF CONTR 2.30 (2.55) DARLINGTON HURDLE (Div I: novices: £512: 27cm) Oby I: mortes: 2512: 22m)
TALL ORDER, br m, br Le Dieu
d'Ox-Dunisall, 6-11-3
Mr R Poster (7-4 fay)
Twilight Wave G Graham (20-1) 2
Royal Welcome D Goulding (10-1) 3
Royal Welcome D Goulding (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-50 Came To Rand,
9-2 Langdale Chase, 10-1 Statmase,
20-1 Muddr, 25-1 Larry Bell, 33-1

13-12-5 Capt J. Rodges (11-10) 9 Cajosa (4th), Go Deo Deo, Liberty Wisbech Lad Mr. T. Holland-Martin (evens fav) 2 (9), Conker Villo, Dunsken Mood, Quirailt Mr. J. Mead (40-1) 3 Last Rimbow, 16 ran, NR: Jebb Ram-ALSO RAN; 16-1 Transformation bler. Rednael, (3th), 35-1 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley Lass (r), Mary Anstry (p), 7 1811 Prospectors Gold (11, 50-1) Nibley TOTE: Win. 250: places, 160, 110; dash forecast, 18:, CSF: 259, T. 5.0 (3.01) RAMSHOE CHARE (Handi-Fortier at Wantage. gl. bad. cbp: 5925: 2°2m) Foreign at Wantings. 'al. had.

4.10 (4.11) SPRING CHASE (Ham: discrete Chickestar Bird

R. G. Hoghes (11-1)

Ardiar H. Davies (2-1 fav 2)

ALSO RAN: 11-2 life of Man. 11-1

Commandant (9) 12-1 Lanta (NZ)

(12h) Tack Money 55-1 Lanta (NZ)

(1 GAY (NVADER. b g, by Brave inteder—Sunshine Kelly, 6-10-7 E. Burns (3-1) Morthers Despatch E. Burns (3-1) Y

Morthers Despatch T. G. Dun (7-2) 2

Schmong Mr T. G. Dun (7-2) 2

ALSO RAN: S-2 tav Sandwith
Coolid (4th), 10-1 Joe Lee, 12-1 Tears
of Joy. Whitespring Crass. 16-1

Memorby (p), 8 ran. NR: Lady Val
and Wurtabl.

TOTE Win. 81p: nlaces, 2op, 2op.
10p. Dual forecast: 55p. CSF: 21.39,
W. A. Stophenson, at Righop Arckiand.

1 al. Si. 4.00 SOUTH DURNAM CHASE (Hunters' anatody: 2478; 5m 250yd)

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4.70 (4.74) BARLINGTON MURDLE (DIV 2: Novices' £511; 2 m).

TALON, C. 9. by George Spelvin—
Batting Bessle, 5-12-3 Spelvin—
Batting Bessle, 5-12-3 (8.15) 1

Prince Keel Mr T. G. Dun (35-1) 2

Young Segart Miss J. Charling (35-1) 2

ALSO RAN 5-1 Moserter, 6-1 472. ALSO RAN: 5-1 Mossings, 6-1 Ava-kinche (4dr), 12-1 Runts, Fg. 20-1 No Snow 25-1 The Wes 10g, 23-1 Upleadon Balle, Bobby Birgo, Merry Tudor, Maytha Spirit, Reivers Lass (p), Washimister Life (f), Bridge of Elepa (h), 15 ran, NR: Malboro, Recoil, Cee Beauty. Beauty.
TOTE: Win. 12p; places, 10p. 42p.
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TOTE: Bould of 10p. 10p.
TOTE DOUBLE. Tail Order, ingham,
\$5.10 (said of first ien ontr).
TREBLE: ingham, Gay invader, Master
Brutes, £7.0 (paid on first leg
ontr). PLACEPOT: Not won (pood of
207.50 carried forward to Catterick).

VAT on 'inducement' goods GUS Merchandise Corporation with Special Retail Schemes 4 y Commissioners for Customs and H. which permitted retailers and Excise

and Excise
Taxable supplies by way of goods given without charge by a company as an inducement to new agents for placing a first order with the company were held by Mr Justice Woolf to be liable to VAT calculated on their open market value in accordance with section 10(3) of the Finance Act, 1972.

His Lordship dismissed an appeal by the parent company, GUS Merchandise Corporation, from the Manchester VAT Tribunal, which had decided that the goods were unither gifts (though their value was assessed at under £10) for the purpose of nil-rating under paragraph 6 of Schedule 3 to the Act, nor did they qualify for calculation of

they qualify for calculation of Hability to VAT in accordance

and H. which permitted retailers to calculate VAT on the value of their gruss inkings.

His Lordship said that Special Retail Scheme H contained in Custom Notice 727, and its supplement, of Fobruary. 1975 (previously Scheme 4 of Custome Nodice 707 of August. 1972, revised in March, 1973), issued pursuant to regulation 2(1) of the Value Added Tax (Supplies by Retailers) Regulations, 1972, was intended to deal with retail sales to customers, and was not designed to deal with taxable supplies which were not sales, and which were not specifically dealt with in the notices.

In Allen v Commissioner of Met-ropolitan Police (March 23)-Nicholas P. Adams acted for the successful plainiff.

Fumes left workers impotent, judge told

From Our Correspondent

A frightening list of health disorders, including sexual difficulties struck workers at a Justice Woolf was told at Shef-field Crown Court yesterday. The disorders arose after the workers had all been exposed to fumes from vinyl chloride, used in the manufacture of the artificial leather material, pvc, it

was stated.
Some of the men were left impotent, it was added. Other symptoms included poor circu-lation resulting in hands and feer becoming cold and numb, breathlessness, aching jointz, migraine, stomach disorders, bone disease, clubbing of the fingers and changes in the blood, making it sludgy and unable to flow readily. Seven workers at the plant of Vinotex Ltd at Staveley, near

Chesterfield, Derbyshire, are suing the company for damages after exposure to vinyl chloride in the early seventies.

Mr Christopher Rose, QC, for the men, who are involved in processing and bagging the chemical, said their conditions fell into three categories, seriously affected, moderately and slightly. There was also a fourth group of very seriously affected, but their claims were

not before the court. He said that initially there were 22 claims against the company, but most of those had been settled, very seriously affected receiving settlements of between £30,000 to £40,000 each, £15,000 to £25,000 for the serious categories, £7,500 to £10,000 for the moderately affected and £3,500 to £5,000

several days, said it was not until late 1973 and early 1974 that the health hazards caused by exposure to the chemical became apparent.

He added: "The treatment of the symptoms of vinyl chlo-ride disease, of which all these plaintiffs suffer, is still in its infancy and the prognosis for the long term is simply un-known."

He said some of the men still worked for Vinatex but were now doing light jobs and their chances on the open labour market if they lost them were not good.

Mr Alan Stuart, aged 381. father of two children, who worked as a bagger at the plant until August, 1973, said he left when he began to suffer chest pains and suspected his work-

ing conditions were to blame. Mr Stuart, now a water board worker, of Whittington Lane, Unstone Green, near Sheffield, said he was now having to do light work and his earnings had

dropped by £22 a week. He said he had become bad tempered and suffered migraine attacks. "Over the last two or three years the least little thing upsets me and I take it out on the wife and kids which I know is wrong", he added. "I still get severe chest pains, tiredness and aching limbs if I my

to do manual work." Dr Ann Walker, a skin specialist, who made a special study of the men at Chester-field Royal Hospital, and has now become an expert on vinyl chloride disease, told the court ::

"The men are extremely worried about their health and some have, in fact been re-ferred to a psychiatrist." for those slightly affected.

Mr Rose, opening the case, ferred to a psychiatrist."

which is expected to last The hearing continues today.

ad will not be represented European men's hockey campionship in Paris next Dublin YMCA, who quall-annot compete because of A ban on Sunday sport. international federation elected the request from rish. Hockey Union that by Union be

Imminent announcement of plans to compel trade unions to pay more towards the cost of strikes

It was not right that trade unions should be able to count on the taxpayer to support the families of strikers and the vast majority of the country agreed with what the Government proposed to do. Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry said, when deputizing for Mrs Thatcher at Prime Minister's question time. Earlier Mr Reginald Prentice, Minister of State for Social Security, had indicated there would be an imminent announcement about the issue.

Mr John Butcher (Coventry, South-West, C) said-A TUC report has indicated that trade unions spend an average por unions spend an average 88p per member on strike pay and an average £9.72 a member on admin-This supports the Governments contention that trade unions should be more responsible for their own members' welfare dur-

their own members' welfare during times of strike.

Sir Keith Joseph—Yes. He is right. We do not want strikes to increase so that unions have more money to spend on them. We think it is only fair that when strikes are called unions should be a strike the cost than they lear more of the cost than they Later, replying to Mr Dafydd Wigley (Cacraarvon, Pl Cymru) he said the Prime Minister was satisfied that reasonable progress was being made in the legislative programme announced in the

Mr Wigler—The time is ripe to abandon the theories underlying the legislative programme set out in that speech and to abandon the idea that you can starve men back to work by reducing social security benefits. This is time to reconsider the whole attitude towards creating employment. Bir Keith Joseph—We believe

that our policy is the only policy that can achieve the underlying purposes of both sides of the House—a higher standard of liv-ing, more employment and better

We do not believe it is right at the moment that the trade on the taxpayer to support the families of strikers while people are on strike. We think the vast majority of the country agree with what we propose to do. The matter was first mentioned Mr Michael Meacher (Oldham West, Lab) asked when the Sec-retary of State expected to be in

a position to make a statement on the Government's plans to reduce supplementary benefit entitlement to families of persons entitlement to families of persons on strike.

Mr Reginald Prentice, Minister of State for Social Security (Daveniry, C)—Shortly.

Mr Meacher—How many thousands of extra civil servants will be required to administer this proposal? How will union members and non-union members be differentiated? What exactly is the formula proposed to extend the complex of the compl differentiated? What exactly is the formula proposed to cater for unofficial and official strikes? Mr Prentice—Each of these questions will be answered by the statement when it is made.

James Hamilton (Bothwell, Lab)

—I discovered from my local office that only one-third of strikers in my constinence quali-fied for security benefits. Would be ponder that statement and ensure they do not make further

benefit is much larger than this because of all the unions involved in the strike only the wo general workers' unions have been paying strike pay. The cost to the texpayer so far is 18m.

Mr Nicholas Rodeen (Wolver hampton, South-West, C)—Our proposal may have the effect of encouraging people to join unions so that they may enjoy the benefit of support during a strike.

It may have the effect of if may have the effect of encouraging the unions to concentrate on their legitimate role of trying to improve working conditions and wages and give up their improper role of trying to be a political party.

Mr Prentice—Our proposals will be seen to have many healthy effects, including those he has

Mr Jeffrey Rooker, an Opposition spokesman on social security (Birmingham, Perry Bar, Lab)—If a striker is arrested and serves a term of imprisonment, will his family be treated in the same way as the families of other prisoners in that prison at the time? Mr Prentice—We will be concerned in this imminent announce-ment with the effect of a trades dispute, not the effect of a criminal act.

Mr Andrew Bennett (Stockport North Lab)—What is the difference between someone on strike and someone who has committed a crime and why should their families be treated differently in the payment of supplementary Mr Prentice-

wire reentice—necause we pase the view, as does a majority of the general public, that if people go on strike either they as individuals or their unions should make finacial provision for the needs of the families in that situation. (A Labour shout of "Disgraceful").

Statement demanded on EEC budget issue

Protests were made during Prime Mr Peter Shore (Tower Hamlers, Minister's question time and later on points of order that the document from the European Commis-sion, referred to during last night's debate on EEC budgetary matters by Mr Nigel Lawson, Finaucial Secretary to the Treasury, had not been laid before the House before

Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, said the House had been treated in a the House had been treated in a deceiful and coverely manner. See Keit h Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, deputising for the Prime Minister, told the House that the document was now in the Vote Office after the matter had first been raised by Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermiline, Lab) who said the document had been alluded to by Mr Lawson but not presented to the House.

The press of this country (Mr Douglas said) is immdated with extracts from the document and the Community itself specifically rejects the gloss put on it by the Government.

Mr Michael Foot, deputy leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab)—The document was put in the Vote Office today at 2.30. That is quite unsatisfactory for the House. Why was it not laid before the House before the debate yesterday, particularly as the document has apparently been hanging around in Brussels and elsewhere

Why did the Financial Secretary Why did the Financial Secretary not produce the document in the debate and say there was some mystery about it. When will we have another debate so that we can fully debate the document and enable the House to examine it? Sir Keith Joseph—As I understand it the document only arrived from the Commission at the end of last week just before the weekend and has been placed in the Vote Office. has been placed in the Vote Office

Stepney and Poplar, Lab)—Last night the House was subjected to a deceitful and even cowardly course of action. This document which is about the extent to which this country will continue to pay over to the EEC was wholly relevant to ast might's debate. It should have been laid before the House but it was deliberately withheld with the result that the vote last right was cast upon totally inadequate evi-

Will be ensure that Mr Lawson comes to the House and makes a forthright statement on this mat-

Sir Keith Joseph—The document is a useful contribution and can form the basis of ministers' discussions. I take seriously what he said. I believe completely in the integrity of Mr Lawson who is on all occaous a vivid and vigorous speaker. Earlier Mr Nichobas Whiterton (Macclesfield, C) said: One of the major planks of the Queen's Speech was gemulue reductions in public expenditure. In order to achieve this objective we have got

to reduce substantially our contri-bution to the EEC bridget. Would be give an assurance that unless we can achieve this objective we will review our present position, bearing in mind that our membership of Europe prevents us taking decisions in the best intaking decisions in the best in-terests of the United Kingdom? Sir Keith Joseph—On the first part the suswer is an unqualified "Yes". On the second, we very much hope the heads of govern-ment will understand the equity

and force of our claim. hir Foot said later that the Opposi-tion regarded the matter of the document as one of major import-ance. The debase last night had taken place, in a sense, on false pretences.

Mr Lawson should make a statement to the House today, as the

Opposition had assumed he might; or he should do so at an early

We believe (he said) that the House has been gravely misled by what happened last night and the best way for it to be cleared up would be if Mr Lawson made a statement would be married and the statement. statement now, particularly because it does affect in a considerable degree the amount of money that may be available to the Government in the budget to-HOLLOW.

Mr John Bruce-Gardyne (Knuts-ford, C) said Mr Shore had made a personal allegation of cowardice against Mr Lawson which he thought was against the orders of the House, He hoped Mr Shore would be asked to withdraw a thoroughly offensive and totally unfounded allegation.

The Deputy Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said he did not hear any allegation of cowardice. If it was made be hoped Mr Shore would withdraw it. He was in the would withdraw it. He was in the Chair last night when this matter was being debated and the Finan-cial Secretary in his speech had alluded to the document. He had said that if the document was being read then it should cor-rectly and properly be laid. If it was being alluded to that was not

then necessary. Mr Harry Ewing (Stirling, Palkirk Mr. Harry Ewing (Stirling, "alkirk and Grangemouth, Lab) said the interpretation put on the document by the Financial Secretary last night was that the document was new and contained new proposals which were likely to lead the Government to succeed in concluding an agreement with the EEC which an agreement with the EEC which would be in some way or another advantageous to the United King-

Today (he said) the EEC has issued a statement to say that the contents to the document bear no

pretation of it given last night by the Financial Secretary. The EEC has gone so far as to say roday that they have been inundated with telephone calls from member states this marriag arking if a secret mis morning asking if a secret feetify correct that the document was sent to the United Kingdom—(Labour laughter)— the document that the because the document that the Financial Secretary appeared to be felling the House about was not telling the House about was not telling the knowledge.

If that is the case, and it is clearly obvious that there is a major area of disagreement about the document between the EEC and the United Kingdom Government there can be no doubt that ment, there can be no doubt that

ment, mere can be no nount that the House was deliberately misled and the Financial Secretary is under an obligation to make a statement. (Labour cheers.) The Deputy Speaker said that on frequent occasions when they had debated these matters late at night he had deprecated the fact that deprecated the fact that he had deprecated the fact that documents were not available. Last night he was not aware that the document was not available. As to whether it was available last night or not or whether it should have been in the Vote Office was not a

matter for him.

Mr Foot said Mr Lawson had not volunteered a statement and the only way in which the matter could be cleared up properly was for Mr Lawson to make a statement. If they did not have a statement ley did not have a statemed day the Opposition wor today the Opposition would require it on another day this week.
Mr Nicholas Winterton (Maccles-field, C) said that it would be in the interests of the House for the

the interests of the House for the Government to come forward with a statement at an early date.

What is the point (he said) of having a debate in this House on what is the most sensitive issue at present on our contribution to the Buropean budget if we cannot debate the most up-to-date position and document which should have come to this House, been

debate. The committee whether to recommen debate and matters can normal course. Mr Shore—The House with that Mr Lawson has notopportunity of at lease volunteering a statement within the recollection House last night that the House last night that the so far as if was guider Financial Secretary rest the optimistic interpret was able to put upon a which he had seen and rest of the House had a believe that the House inadvertently or deliber put in an intolerable post We are right to have the Government in this s decentfully and wrongly Reference was made a I used and which the Speaker did not hear I word cowardly when I ro (Conservative prote

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Minister to look at transplant code

Dr Gerar' Vaughan, Minister of State for Health, told Mr John Fatr (Harborough, C)that he was ready to consider strengthening the wording of the code of practice for the transplantation of human organs relating to the anonymity

Dr Vaughan (Reading, South, C) said: I am sure the House shares Mr Farr's concern at the distress caused to a family in his constituency. I note that when he introduced his Bill he told the House that he had complained to the Press Council. I am sure that is the right method of pursuing this mat-

Mr Fart-Would the minister recognize, in the light of recent events, that the code of practice is couched in casual terms. Would be cusure something stronger is written into the Health Services Bill now before the House? Dr Vaughan—Yes, I can under-stand his point of view and will certainly have a look at the word-ing and see if it needs strengthen-

NHS drug bill running at £740m a year

petients should get drugs on the same basis as NHS patients obtained them was rejected by De Gerard Vaughan, Minister of State for Health.
Mr Richard Alexander (Newark,

ensure mey do not make further incursions into an attempt to blackmall strikers back to work when there is no justifiable case for doing so?

Mr Prentice—The proportion of strikers' families in the steel strike drawing supplementary

C) had asked how much it would cost to allow private patients needing drugs to get them on this basis.

ing drugs to get them on this basis. Dr Vaughan (Reading, Sours, C)—
Because the department does not maintain records of the number of private patients, I cannot give a specific figure.

In any event, with so many competing claims for scarce NHS resources at this time, the Government does not feel it can give a high priority to this proposal though it has carefully considered it on several occasions.

Mr Alexander—The private patient pays as much to the NHS as does the NHS patient, so it is only fair the NHS patient, so it is only fair that he should be able to get drugs

on the same basis.

Dr Vaughan—I appreciate his feel-Travel to work Mr Peter Rees, Minister of State, Treasury, in a written reply, said: It is estimated that the current cost to public funds of making rail and bus fares to and from work allowable for tax purposes would be about 5270m.

ings but the total drug bill la England in 1979, excluding hospital pharmaceutical services, was almost £740m. The bulk of this was incurred on prescriptions by general practititioners and dispensed by general practice pharmacists. The average total cost per person was over £16 a bead.

It could not be prudent to entertain a proposal to increase this aiready enormous sum. Particularly, we do not want to take resources away from areas of greater priority.

Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on social services (Sal-ford, West, Lab)—The question is on the NHS when the private sector make no contribution to the training of nurses or doctors and exploit NBS equipment.

Dr Vaughan-I do not accept that. Only this morning in a committee I listed the private institutions which train nurses.

Parliamentary notices

Commission document 'can form basis of solution'

There was no way in which the imbalance in the United Kingdom's EEC budget contribution could be made good by expenditure through the Community's regional or social funds or any of the existing funds, by thigel Lawson, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said early today (Tuesday) in replying to a debate on Community budgetary markets.

He indicated that the EEC Cominission had suggested that a special fund should be set up, under article 235 of the Treaty of expenditure to the United King-

dom.
The following motion was carried: "That this House fully supports the Prime Minister in her efforts to secure agreement at the next European Council to action which will bring about a substan-tial, immediate and lasting reduc-tion in the United Kingdom's net contribution to the Community that there is a commitment by the Council to long-term restructuring of the budget which would bring about a significant reduction in the proportion of spending on the common agricultural policy, particularly by reducing the production of surpluses, and a more equitable distribution of expenditure over the whole Community." By 125 votes to 71—Government

majority, 54, the House rejected an Opposition amendment supporting Opposition amendment supporting Mrs Thatcher's efforts to secure agreement at the next European Council so that "as the House unanimously resolved on July 16 and November 22, 1979 Great Britain's contribution to the budget is

ensure that there is a commitment by the Council to long-term restructuring of the budget which would bring about a significant reduction in the proportion of spending on the community agricultural policy, particularly by reducing the production of surpluses over the whole Community; and will support the Government should it as a last resort find it necessary to withhold part of the United Kingdom contribution in order to achieve a satisfactory settlement."

Britain had made it clear to the Italian Government and other partners in the Community that the European Council should be convened at the earliest possible date, Mr Nigel Lawson, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said when opening the debate on the European Community budgetary

The Government had just received a new document from the Commission which would be laid before the House. The new stateimportant step forward towards a solution of Britain's problems and it would help the Government to achieve the reduction in public expenditure and public borrowing which were essential to the Government's economic strategy.

It was too early to say what programmes and objectives the Community might help to advance, although the Commission had put forward some ideas and the Government were pursuing them with the Commission.

The Government (he said) has no doubt that the Commission's proposals can, given the political will among the member states, form the basis of an adequate and

acceptable solution.

Air Peter Shore, Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab) regretted the absence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, because there was a crucial link between Britain's contribution to the European budget and the the European budget and the United Kingdom Budget he would present on Wednesday. That link, or heavy gold Chain, represented about £1,000m. The present tax system was absurd and put the United King-

dom permanently in the position of clawing back what had already been conceded. Britain's expediture should be at least not greater than the receipts.

If it was out-bluffed, outmanoeuvred and out-faced on this issue—deliberately and carefully chosen as the main battle-field for redress—it would lose credibility in its future dealings with the EEC.

In later stages of the debate,
Sir Derek Walker-Smith (East
Hertfordshire, C) said that only
rationalization of the CAP could
scene an improvement of Britain's
position. He did not believe Community spending in the United
Vicedor could ever he a satisfac-Kingdom could ever be a satisfactory alternative to a restructuring of the CAP. At best it was a

of the CAP. At the Man a palliative.

The proposed procedure by way of a Council regulation would entail a step in the direction of detailed centralized Community

control—a step towards what was usually termed in the House a federal Europe. Mr Robert MacLennan (Caitiness and Sutherland, Lab) said the Prime Minister had made it clear that if she did not secure her objective she intended to act illegally.

To withhold VAT would be an infringement of the law. They would be inviting nor only contempt for the Community but contempt for the institutions of the

Sir Brandon Rhys Williams (Ken-sington and Chelsea, Kensington, C) said Britain should aim at the c) said Britain should aim at the restructuring of the CAP, not just its destruction or the abandonment of its principles.

Farm workers on the continent deserved sympathy just as much as textile or steel workers in this country. More emphasis should be alread on the means in this country.

country. More emphasis should be pinced on the responsibility of national governments to deal with the social problems of their own agricultural industries.

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, Off UU) said Britain must state its intendon, if the Community premisional in the research form and intention, if the Community remained in its present form and structure incompatible with Britain's economy and constitution, to withdraw from it in due form

and at due time.
That statement would be the beginning not of a quarrel but as a necessary base and beginning of a genuine negotiation whereby Brigenine regoration wherevy stri-tain's relationship with the rest of the Community would be trans-ferred to mutual benefit. Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Batterses, North, Lab) said there could be no relief for this country

Mr Russell Johnston
L) said Britain would
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the Community some impasse unless it in Community some Mr Dennil Davies, an spokesman on Treasury mic affairs (Llanelli, La reason why the Go negotiating position was fble was that the Prim and the Chancellor Exchequer had been t supporters of the ver system which was now of Britain's problem.

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More than 400 schools offering assisted places

d whether it was equitable. The amendment to Clause 17 The amendment to Clause 17 (Assisted Diaces at Independent schools) would require the Secretary of State to report annually to Parliament on the number and names of the schools participating together with details on the pupils, cost of the schools. Lady Young, Minister of State for Education and Science, said the essisted places scheme was in-tended to replace tile old direct grant school scheme. When this was phased out by the former Labour Government, there were few peers who did not express regret at something which had made a norable contribution on

a potable contribution m the education system. There are (she said) thousands of parents who send their chil-dren to the maintained sytem who care deeply. The provisions of this Bill, both on school governors, and on the right of parents to express a choice together with the appeal system are designed to give some of the opportunities currently

when the report stage of the Education (No 2) Bill was resumed Lady Birk (Lab) for the Opposition, moved an amendment designed to give people an idea how the assisted places scheme was working, how effective it was and whether it was equitable.

The latest figure for schools which had expressed an interest in participating was 468. These the participating was 468. These were 120 former direct grant grammar schools, 338 independent schools, one other direct grant schools, and nine maintained schools.

Provisional figures of the number of places on offer totalled 5,894 for boys and 5,315 for girls, as well as 1,928 at mixed schools. as well as 1,323 at mixed schools. It was the Government's intention that there should be equal numbers of places for boys and girls and that there should be a proper geographical spread of these places.

The Government was completely open about its proposals. They would stand up to public examination and there would be an opportunity for a review of the scheme in the annual review of the education services which was provided for in the Education Act, 1944. There was nothing to pravent peers tabling questions to ministers about the progress of the scheme. The amendment was

The amendment was withdrawn. An Opposition amendment re-quiring schools participating in the assisted places scheme to have received a satisfactory report by her Majesty's inspectors was re-jected by 142 votes to 82—Gov-erament majority, 60.

Libyan school in Chelsea not to get diplomatic status

reply to a question from Lord Chalfont (Ind). The Government did not regard schools as being premises of diplomatic missions.
Lord Challout had asked whether the Government was aware of the purposes for which the premises would be used and whether it was

would be used and whether it was satisfied that the transaction was fully consistent with local and national interests.

Lord Beliwin—As I understand It, the Libyan Embassy has bought the Old Kingsley School in Glebe Place. Chelsea, and intends to use it for advertical paraposes. The it for educational purposes. The school was sold by the Inner London Education Authority last year to a third party who in turn sold it to the Libyans.

This is a matter of essentially local interest and as such is for the local authority. The Government sees no reason to regard the trans-action as such as being inconsistent with the national interest. Lord Chaltont—This is not just a matter of local interest. These premises have been bought by a Government which has a certain

matter of local interest. These premises have been bought by a Government which has a certain reputation in international affairs support for international ter-torism. These premises are suitable for all kinds of use. Is the minister of the local authority.

School premises bought by the Libyan Government in Cheisea would not be granted diplomatic status, Lord Bellwin, Under Secret premises are suitable for the purtary for the Environment, said in pose specified is for the local auth-ority to decide. If at any time there is evidence to suggest the premises are being used for im-proper purposes as Lord Chaliont suggests then, and only titen, would be the time for any appro-orians action. priate action.
Lord Gorouwy-Roberts (Lab) for the Opposition—As these premises are deemed to be used for educational purposes would they not, even though they are for private education, be subject to periodic inspection as to what goes on these

facter?

Lord Beliwin—Any local authority
who grants planning permission or
user permission for any purpose
presumably always has an obligation to ensure it is used for that purpose. Lord Shinwell (Lab)—rlow do

they define aducational purposes in Libya? Does it mean indulging in mischief and causing trouble all over the place? He had better keep an eye on them.
Lord Bellwin—I do not know how
they define educational purposes
in Libya but for these premises it
has to be how we define it in this

Campaign against social security abuse Mr Robert McCrindle and Ongar ,C)—Would

The attitude of Labour MPs to social security abuse suggested they were on the side of the scrounger rather than the honest taxpayer, Air Reginald Prentice, Minister in Secial Communications Minister for Social Security, said amid protests during question

Mr Jeffrey Rooker an Opposition spokesman on social security (Bur-mingham, Perry Barr, Lab) had asked what was the latest estimate of the extent of social security

Mr Prentice (Daventry, C) replied—The nature of most social security abuse is such that we can only know about cases which are detected.

However, new records have been introduced which should, over the next few months, provide fuller and more accurate estimates of the amount of benefit saved through the work of our fraud and abuse specialism. I shall make a further statement to the House when a sufficient number of these returns have been received and analysed to enable me to draw worthwhile conclusions. Mr Rocker-That being so, how can be square the statement that he expects to gain 550m out of the alleged £200m loss by social security abuse.

How did he get the figure of £200m? what about the leaked reports on this? Will he confirm that officials of his department were ringing around large department stores and asking them for an

estimate of theft and that was how they conjured up the figure? Mr Prentice-There is no need to ring around department stores to know that they and other large commercial organizations assume losses through fraud of 1 or maybe 2 per cent in their operations. Applying that to the DHSS with its expenditure of some 120,000m a year leads to a figure of £200m as an estimate. (Labour interruptions.) We are attempting by this operation this year to save at least

If Labour MPs think that cannot be done, they had better get up and state their case because their constituents will not believe them. Mr David Stoddart (Swindon Lab)—The figures that have been bandled around repeatedly are

sheer bogus figures. (Labour cheers.) Is it not disgraceful that figures produced by a department of state should owe more to the experiences of Marks and Sparks with shoplifters than a decent inquiry undertaken by the depart-

There is far more money lost by non-claimants taken out than by social security abuse. Mr Prentice—If he went into a DHSS office in his constituency and talked to the officers working on fraud and abuse cases, he would find they are very busy and are saving a lot of public money but they are nowhere area.

e near the point of

There is a great deal more to be saved and experience in the next 12 months will prove it. Mr Austin Mitchell (Grimsby, Lab)—Would it not be more costeffective to employ extra staff to deal with tax evasion rather than the counter-productive task of hounding social scurity benefi-Mr Prentice—I would be against

fraud and abuse in any sector of our public life. I would expect Labour MPs to take the same attinide but their attitude suggests that they are on the side of the scrounger sexinst the honest tax-payer. (Labour protests and Con-servative cheers.)

Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab)—I was approached last weekend by an employee of the DHSS who indicated the pressure brought on them to produce the answers that he needs on this mat-Mr Prentice-The overwhelming

mr Prentice—The overwhelming majority of DHSS staff take the same view as the majority of the public. They want to see those who try to cheat the system identified and prenticed. and prevented.

As for snooping on neighbours, I have made it clear I am not appealing for that at all. Some information has always reached the DHSS from members of the public , some genuine, some malicious gossip. That information is and has always been fellowed. been followed up .but lam not in any sense asking for snooping.

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EEC budget bleeding to death from surfeit of milk: need to control misuse of resources

European Parliament

If the Council of Ministers, spurred on by the Parliament, settled for Commission proposed for farm prices, it would put the continua-tion of the CAP at grave risk, Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the Commission, warned. On the figures of the cost of maintaining milk surpluses, the Community budget was ineluctably bleeding to death from a surfeit of milk. Mr Jenkius was speaking in the

continuing debate on proposals from the Agriculture Committee for a 7.9 per cent increase in farm prices, in reply to Commission proposals which would mean an average price increase of 2.4 Sir Henry Plumb (Corswold, ED) chairman of the Agriculture Com-mittee and former President of the NFU, said that the Parliament's decisions, if implemented by the Council of Ministers, could have an effect on the livelihood and wellbeing of millions of pro-

facturers throughout the Com-munity. The decisions taken must, therefore, make economic sense for taxpayers and consumers. The committee had decided that the increases should meet the farmers' cost increase of 7.9 per cent which was well below infla-

ducers, food processors and manufacturers throughout the Com-

Mr Finn Olaf Gundelach, EEC commissioner for Agriculture, said that the common agricultural policy could collapse if they did not make the right decisions. He advised a middle course between an abrupt decline in farm incomes and treating agriculture more favourably than the rest of the economy. They must, however, tackle the agricultural surpluses. When the Parliament rejected the budget, one reason appeared to be milk surpluses expenditure. In being asked for its opinion nov on proposals reflecting its own budget anxieties, the Parliament had arrived at the moment of

The Commission proposals contained significant alternatives to price increase so as to help small All were convinced, including farmers, that market imbalance was most crippling in the milk sector. They had already done their utmost to use the milk sur-plus for overseas aid, trebling quantities of skimmed milk powder for food aid since 1975. but the world's hungry demanded not dairy products, but cereals and rice. (Cheers.) They must face the brural reality that measures taken so far

and not proved capable of turning off even the increase in milk pro-The 7.9 per cent price increase Mr Elsso Woltjer (Netherlands, Soc) said that the problem was that increased prices would benefit bigger farms more than smaller farms. The co-responsibility levy should be phased, therefore, to credibility nor the money to

This must be the year when the present misuse of resources was seen clearly to be brought under control by the Community.

Mr David Curry (Essex, North-East, ED) said that his group was aware of the gravity of the situation in economic, constitutional and human terms and narricularly. and human terms, and particularly of the problems of the British farmer facing one of the highest inflation rates in the Community. In normal circumstances, the case for a substantial price rise would be irrefutable but because of the surpluses, the circumstances were

Surpluses meant budgetary cost for taxpayer and consumer, and particularly for the victims of economic circumstances, like re-dundant steel workers, ship-builders and textile workers. No guaranteed price, no intervention, no exemption from the laws of economics in the market protected them. The group's proposed price freeze was put forward in recognition that it was the only practicable policy to bring order to the CAP.

They were often regarded as Inthe were often regarded as hard-hearted and hard-nosed towards social problems, but the problem of surplus would only be solved when more people quit the land. They would not wish to provoke that except in a context of economic growth, some of which could be directed to the country-side in a fully-fledged caral policy. side in a fully-fledged cural policy.

The authority of Parliament would be irreparably damaged if that instead of setting higher prices they failed to face now the con-

sequences of their action in rejecting the budget in December. Mr John Mark Taylor (East Mid-lands, ED), group spokesman on the Budget Committee, cafed on the Parliament to stick so its guns and contain the cost of farm sur-pluses. The European Parliament was on the threshold of strengthen-ing its position by direct elections and the rejection of the budget in December. What was brave and right in December was brave and right today.

The Community had shown in the past 30 years that it could do nothing but farm and it must be

seen to be capable of doing more than that by developing other policies. He was not anti-farmer but anti-surpluses. He did not want to dismantle the agricultural policy but he wanted to put right what was economically wrong.

The enswer was as classically elogant as it was simple—lower the price for surplus commedicies and

chester, North. Soci said that the capacity of many MEPs to blind themselves to the facts of life was astonishing. Money was running out and the Community was going bust because they went on year by year paying farmers to preduce feed they could not sell. They runted themselves by stock piling

reduce them, higher prices did not benefit the farmers who most needed help but reduced consumption and made the surplus position worse. Mr Gundelach appeared to have lost his political iterre since last year when he had proposed a price freeze on products in surplus. They needed a price reduction for products in surplus to make the surpluses disappear. Prices should reflect the costs of the most effi-

Mr Noel Davern (Ireland, DEP) said that the Commission price proposals were unjust, insensitive and short-sighted. They should not allow the United Kingdom's budgetary problems to become the pretext for undermining the

M Plerre Pranchere (France,

the surpluses would disappear.

Mr Neil Blaney (Ireland, Iod)
asked why farmers should be
asked to bear the brust of trading
agreements and of aid to developing countries.

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more from what he produced. Comm) said that they were serving the cause of multinationals in Mr John de Courcy Ling (Central Midlands, Ed) said he feared that ministers would again let the Parliament down as they had before. It had been irresponsible of M Chirac to suggest that a country which did not accept the

he had created Although the CAP had defects year represented an effort to they did not want to destroy it

but to build something greater because the interest of the community as a whole was greater than that of one sector. Mr Kenneth Collins (Strathclyde, East, Soc), chairman of the Environment Committee, said that agriculture policy in the Community was too expensive and too important to be left to farmers alone. There was no justification of the community was the control of the community was too important to be left to farmers alone. There was no justification of the community was to be controlled to the controll

cient farmer. The smallest non-viable farms should be supported They might have to find new ways of funding agriculture in order to protect small farmers and rural communities from unemployment and poverty. Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the Commission, said that the Commission proposals of November 30 and the price proposals of January 31 must be seen as a coherent package designed to improve and safeguard the CAP.

diffication for a price increase

He said " safeguard " advisedly became unless the main essentials of the package were accepted, their agricultural policy would be exposed to the most serious risks.

In the last four years, the bud-getary cost of the policy had increased by an average of 25 per court per year. Price and production increases social problems of the rural popu-lation: nor had they succeeded in removing or even significantly reducing disparities within agri-

interest of those most directly concerned. They had produced a balanced package reflecting an understanding of the needs of the farm sector and of the political realities of Community life. If that balance is upset (he said)

by the Council of Ministers,

spurred on by the Parliament, settling for something different to honour that deck and less rigorous, such a decision will put at grave risk the continuation of the Community's agricultural policy in its present form. Unless they could find a solution to the problems of the milk sector, they would have no solu-tion at all in their agricultural decisions. They could expect an increase of 2 per cent in milk production this year, adding to the burden of cost beyond the 4,400m ants of account of 1979 (about £2,860m).

It had risen from 1,200m units in 1975, an increase of nearly four times in four years. On those figures, the Community budget was bleeding to death from a surfeit of

It was the reason the Commisit was the reason the Commission had added to the co-responsibility lery of 1.5 per cent which the Council had agreed in principle. a supplementary mechanism for milk. That innovation took nothing from existing guarantees for production but provided a safeguard for the future. Leaving decisions on future future, leaving decisions on future production to producers. With it, they could face the future with greater confidence. Without it, the prospects for their

milk policy were bleak.

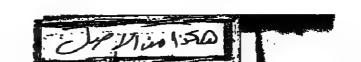
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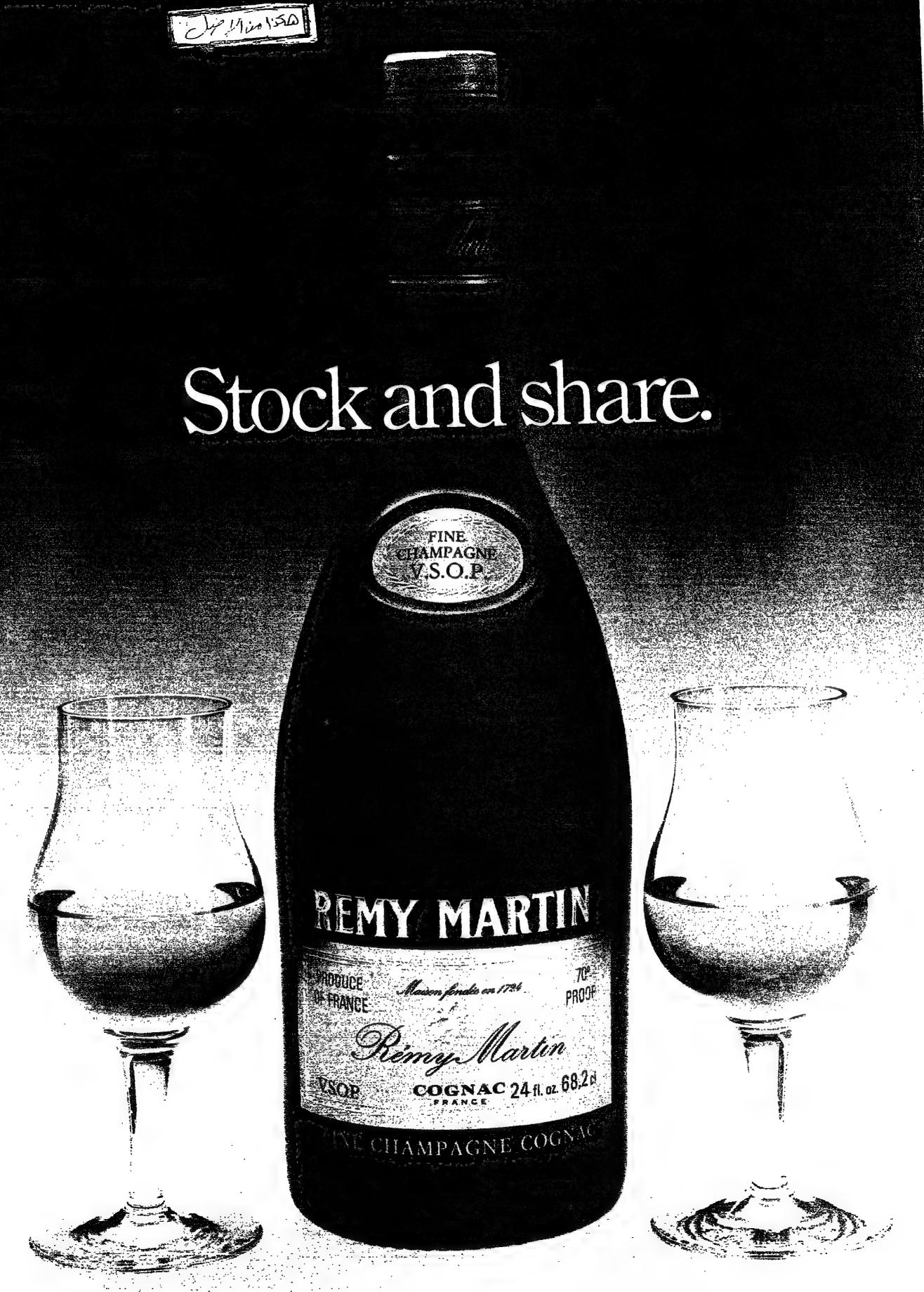
December to reject the I

The Commission proposals in the light rejection of the budget. lament should not now the branch of the tree up it had then so insistent Mr Andrew Fearct Cheshire, ED) said that munity should not be rel a honeypot into which o

He appealed to them firmly to the concept formed and affirmed in 1

pations might dip. It is our community of yours (he said) and see share of the benefits it c





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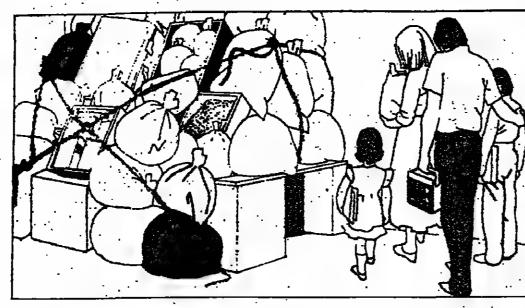
major revival of interest in defence, reflected most Thorably in The Times. Grisly etails on how Britain could or could not cope with nuclear bombardment and excerpts from the do-it-yourself guides "To survival prepared for distri-" bution at a time of crisis have become common media fare. After years of discontent viover the indifference of sucgovernments. responsible for civil defence " have at last achieved a serious, high-level policy review.

Much of the current concern "it over ensuring that wherewithal is evailable executing existing plans (for example it is alleged that when withe booklet Protect and Survive should be being circu-"waining for it to be printed)
and assessing the adequacy of stockpiles of essential commodnies. The main issue is whether sufficient funds can he found for reasonable and ziodest reforms.

However, among those advocating a greater national effort in this area, some are agitating for a large and ambitious programme of fallout shelter construction, public education and, possibly, preparations for mass revacuation. It is claimed that such measures could signif-cicantly reduce the number of casualties suffered by Britain manuclear war and in doing aso, strengthen the deterrent by sagnalling a seriousness of pur-

These claims need to be "handled with great care. In a fuclear war the advantages overwhelmingly with the offence. Passive measures to protect life and property care virtually useless to those ecaught in a target area. With Tast expenditure we might smoother our environment with reinforced concrete, burrow remotest parts of the kingdom and store huge quantities of foodstuffs and equipment. But for far less expenditure the enemy could make a mockery of all of this by increasing the number of amacking weapons, especially against a country so small, centralized and densely

It is thus neither complacency nor an inability to distinguish between 10 and 20 mil-

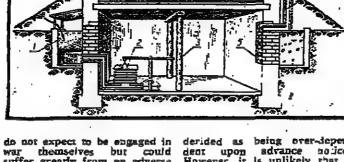


Above: the nuclear family ready for the worst, as seen in the booklet Protect and Survive; right, a Russian fallout shelter installed in a cellar, with sand filter (1), bellows for air supply (2), ceiling support (3), dirt fill (4), window openings scaled (5) and exhaust box (6).

doubt the value of a massive civil defence programme, but the ease with which the other side could negate its beneficial

This assumes that the Soviet objective would be to inflict the maximum possible suffer-Civil detence really comes into its own when a different assumption is made—of only limited nuclear exchanges confined to a few key military tergets. Here the main threat to most of the population would take the form of fallout, the radioactive dust generated can be carried by the wind to otherwise safe greas, and against which it is possible to devise forms of shelter.

This is why the most vigcivil defence orous DIG-



suffer greatly from an adverse in wind direction.
moves in Nato have change encouraged plans for selective. discreet strikes rather than allout exchanges. Greater attention to fall-out shelters would seem to be a natural comple-ment to this approach. Unfor-runately, the Soviet Union has runately, the Soviet Union has shown little interest in Westero ideas on limited nucleur war, there are grounds scepticism as to whether the could be contained course, Britain's own force is geared to

condition generally recognized as improving the chances of civilian survival is plenty of warming Current British plans are often

highly populated

dent upon advance no ice. However, it is unlikely that a war would start with some boil from the blue. The question is whether the danger signals in recognized in time and acred

Civil defence arrangements that would cause a major com-motion might well be pur off as being too provocative at a sensitive moment. This is one argument against plans for evacuation. the fact that moving away from home may well increase rather than decrease vulnerabllity to nuclear effects. This would be no time to get stuck in a traffic jam!

The main source of warning the imminence of .nuclear, war would be the outbreak of

weapons, and a longer period for preparations should this method fail.

Two conclusions can in its offensive plans.

In the end, a civil defence policy reflects the relationship between the Government and the people. This point goes beyond the elite preserving irself while the masses fend for themselves or noting the dangers of a policy in encouraging the with, as was once common in the United States, personal fallout shelters stocked with to keep out desperate

tional forces would offer the possibility, of resisting aggression without resort to nuclear

drawn from this analysis. Civil delence does not offer a way strengthening our deterrent by making a threat to wage a nuclear war more credible, because there is no way that such a war could be anything than a catastrophe beyond human comprehension. It would be unwise to foster illusions that even a massive investment could significantly alleviate the consequences alleviate the consequences of war especially if the enemy decided to compensate for this

A modest improvement in civil defence might make sense as part of a strategy based on enhanced capabilities to fight the lower-and not the higher—rungs of the escalation ladder. If unfavourable comparisons are to be made with the extensive preparations in Austria and Switzerland, then it should be admitted that civil defence makes most sense of all for countries pursuing neu-tralist foreign policies in the middle of a potential war 20ne.

In a totalitarian society, such as the Soviet Union the Gov-ernment can attempt to boister popular morale through an elaborate civil defence organization, with lectures, exercises and ambitious plans for eva-custion. In a democracy, more honesty and openness is required on the reality of the risks facing us all if the worst ever cause to the worst.

Lawrence Freedman

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Allegro con brio to save the Scottish Symphony

workable, the new

Will the outrage of eminent maestros and ordinary concert-goers in Glasgow save the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra? The argument so far appears to have achieved only a short breathing space. All reasonable proposals will be considered before April 17, but everyone seems suddenly to be aware that the orchestra deserves far more credit than it has received for its quiet excellence. The Chance of the SSO achieving widespread popularity has always been frustrated because much of the orchestra's work is in studio: in the public ear, but not the public eye.

cast on Radio 3 or Radio 4, and little is heard on Radio Scotland. Yet it is BBC Scotland who pays when budgets are BBC Scotland can no longer the SSO and the Scottish afford that patrician role. The National Orchestra into one mentle of patronage has surned into an albatross for a broadcasting service required to trim £1m from its £14m budget.

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The musicians generally believe that the answer lies with the financial mandarins of the BBC. By abandoning plans for a couple of local broadcasting stations in England ... the financial problem could be solved

orchestra disbanded and 69 musicians released on to an already crowded market, but accountancy appears to dictate artistic tempo, although the exact manner in which the SSO accounted mystlfies even senior members of the Scottish broadcasting community. The blunt tact is that BBC Scotland is seeking someone else to pay the orchestra's annual cuming costs of £500,000 or more.

balanced, and it is evident that far do not augur well. Merging major symphonic group sounds attractive (Gulf Oil's £250,000 sponsorship of the SNO sets

orchestra would offer only 25 jobs to SSO players. A total merger would restrict the new orchestra to the Usher Hall. Edinburgh, the only venue big enough to take such a giant. The repertoire would barely ex-tend beyond half a dozen weighty works. More serious would be a

dependent. The arrival of yet another orchestra on the Scot-The alternatives suggested so tish scene seeking the backing, ... We one wishes to see the it is not considered practical.

aponsorship, and a grant aid of industry, local authorities and government would hardly be creeted with enthusiasm by the contenders already in the ring.

A BBC official admitted:

Frankly, I doubt whether the tish Chamber Orchestra is newly embarked on a career independent of Scottish Opera. Remember

own orchestra. The Scottish National Orchestra seeks spon-and the Scottish Baroque Ensemble really fills in the rest of the market. doubt that the SSO would find many friends among musicians if it sought to join in "

musicians generally believe that the answer lies with the financial mandarins of the BBC. By abandoning plans for a couple of local broadcasting stations in England which do not vet exist in favour of a symphony orchestra which financial problem does could be solved.

They believe a more comoperating within the BEC framework, and that the commercial potential of the SSO is not being realized.

" If the orchestra became independent it has the quality to survive-but only at the expense of others, in the short term, at least", an orchestra member said. The orchestra would have to play to the box marker would stand another office and would lose much of large group joining in the scramble for funds. The Scotnew works, new conductors, and new soloists. Its essential teaching role would be severely reduced, and it would have to which has now appointed its travel outside Scotland to earn

day's manufacturers prices over £200."

sent standards of advertising I asked Miss Rosemary McRobert,

assistant director of Consumers Association and a member of

the Advertising Standards Authority, to analyze advertise-ments in the three Sunday

colour magazines.

As a result she will be challenging a total of 16 advertise.

Telegraph magazine, six from

The Sunday Times and three from The Observer. In most cases she will be seeking sub-

stantiation for various claims

the advertisements made, but

four advertisements involve further evident breaches of the

bargain offer legislation.
Mr Charles Little of the advertising scruting department of The Times said yesterday:

You would be amazed at the

amount of copy we turn away, though with bargain offers it is clearly up to the advertiser to

make sure that what he says conforms with the law. Part of the trouble is that nobody comes down on these people when they are caught out. If

ents pine from the Sunday

As a further check on the pre-

prescription for success", he added_ souriv

does most of its work in a studio faces considerable artistic dangers and cannot aggressive marketing methods which others employ.

"The taps are very smoothly being rurned off for us. The licence fee was set too low, and inflation is running too high. The SSO and other regional orchestras have been caught in between ", one player complained. It was the accountants and planners who arranged the BEC spending who had pushed them into such a ruinerable position. They should pull the orchestra out of it, he thought,

Ronald Faux

living-" the usual Scottish

Perhaps if the orchestra is saved it should operate on different basis. A group which command a live and personal following so easily. The SSO feels itself hamstrung by not being able to compete in the public concert market and by not having the resources to move from its Glasgow base more than occasionally. The full cost of public concerts has to be covered by box office rethere are hunter means for promotion or the

Bernard Levin concludes his examination remarkable book about religious experier

A challenge for the non-believers

It is a truism (though, as I have so often poissed old, the most marked characteristic of a truism is that it is true) that, as Sir Alister Hardy puts it in the bank I was discussing yes-terday. The spiritual side of man is not the product of intellectuality". Sir Alister intellectuation the Religious Experience Research Unit at Manchester College, Oxford, but in The Spiritual Nature of Man Spiritual Nature of Man (OUP), in which he gives a dea ried account of the Unit's analysis of the first 3,000 accounts of such experiences sent in, he goes on from where the truisin leaves off. In the 10 years since the Unit was estab-

to appeal for th tinded records from members of the public, and bave had what must be a grantyingly large response. The question, how-ever, remains of what use has the collection of examples of the ways (a very temarkable range of ways) in which indicidnals have experienced what they feel (there is no wite by the Unit to circumscribe the definition) has been in sense a religious nou-

I think the answer is of very great use indeed. For the files of the Religious Experi-Research Unit now con-thousands of accounts, classified under no fewer than 88 heads, of the experience of making contact with the divine. What could be more important than that in the life of the individual having experience? And what second only to having the experience. could be more important in the Of course, thinking about them will not make them

happen. It is very clear from the analysis of the experiences in this book that they can and come unbidden, unsought, unexpected, unprepared for.
Thunderbolting (it is Marghanits Laski's expression) can be dramatic in the extreme, or so casical that it almost escapes notice; it has been ex-

perienced in the midst of some agonizing personal and spiritual crisis or while walking down the Marylebone Road entirely worldly frame of mind; it happens to the educated and the uneducated, the old and the young, those who have thought about it and those who have never beard of it; it can happen once, never to be repeated, or again and again; course it can accepted or rejected.

අදදෙනයේ -tirough acceptance may be anything from a passive agreement that it can only be satisfactorily explained on one hypothesis, to a radical transformation of the subject's entire life. One thems, however that recurs in a significantly large number of the reports is the feeling that "nothing is here for tears, nothing to weep or knock the breast" again and again, the men and women (and children) who have had these experiences report that flowing from them came a cer-tainty that all was for the best, and some of them are more specific, saying "Since then I have been quite unable to fear physical death" or "From that time on I've never been straid of death".

In a sense, that says it all. But some say it in greater. My daughter Joan was killed by a car when she was seven years old. She and I were

her coffin in her bedroom. I first of fell on my knees by the bed-side. Suddenly I felt as if answers something a bit behind mewas so overcome with pity Hardy's book s that it was consolidating tain is twiche inself. Then I felt a touch on moment, and w my shoulder lasting only an to be passing instant and I knew there what it reveal was shother world.

It may be asked why it should follow that because

there is another world it is to see. necessarily one of goodness. I do not know; nor, I suppose, does the Religious Experience Unit. But nowhere in all these accounts is there my comfort for the Manichee. On the con-Suddenly I felt a great

formusness sweeping overme. I use the word sweeping because the feeling seemed to do just that actually felt it as coming. from my left and sweeping round and through me, completely engulfring me.
Great joy was in it. Exaltation might be a bester

One day I was sweeping the stairs down in the house in which I was working when suddenly I was overcome. overwhelmed saturated no word is adequate, with a sense of most sublime and living LOVE. If not only iffected me, but seemed to bring everything around me to LIFE. The brush in my hand, my dustpan, the stairs,

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seemed to come alive with love. I seemed an longer me, with my petty trouble trials, but part of this infi-nite power of love, so utterly and overwhelmingly wonderful that one knew at once what the saints had grasped. It could only have been a minute or two, yet for that particle of time it seemed

And there are more dramstic circuinstances then that In which to be surprised by joy:
At one time I reached unter despair and went and prayed God for mercy instinctively and without faith in reply. That night I stood with other patients in the grounds ward. It was a very cold night with many stars. Sudderly someone stood beside me in a dusty brown robe and a voice said "Mad or same you are one of My sheep". I never spoke to anyone of this but ever since has been the pivot of my

question, two obvious subsidiary ones immediately present themselves. First, why are these experiences experiences fragmentary, widely various in strength, duration and effect, and apparently random in their nature? Second, on what prinvery close and I was grief ciple are those chosen to experit; it? suricken. She was lying in rience them selected? To the C Times Newspe

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LONDON DIARY

The snag about those bargains'

Misleading bargain offers are supposed to be illegal, but search diligently in the columns of this newspaper and it is not impossible that you will find one. The authorities are having a difficult time applying the Price Marking (Bargain

Offers) Order 1979.
Since July 2 last year it has been illegal, though few people seem to know it, to advertise imprecise and potentially misleading price claims such as up to 50 per cent off ", or to suggest that anything is worth more than the price at which it is being sold.

I looked through the advertisements in the three quality newspapers last Saturday. The Times carried at least three advertisements which were in direct contravention of terms of the order and a couple more whose legality was doubtful.
One offered "up to 50 per cent off" typewriters, another "save up to 40 per cent" on furnishing fabrics; and a third "you'll save £££s by buying " at " trade

The Guardian ("save ££s on shop prices"; "nearly half normal price"; and "why pay 50 per cent more?") provided another five examples, including one advertisement for mower sharpeners which offended twice, and a sixth which despite circumlocution that rendered it almost meaningless was probably still on the wrong side of the law.

The Daily Telegraph yielded five clear cur examples 100, iu-

childing a dressing gown selling at £12.95 but claimed to be "worth over £20" and Swiss watches "only £19.25.... to-

Chancellor as he leaves No 11 and raises the despatch box on Budget Day will be varied this year. BBC cameras have been allowed viside so they can shoot him from behind.

we let everything through, we would probably only get complaints about one in 100. It is not much encouragement." That hackneyed view of the

Current prices

London has the highest electricity prices in the country. Very soon they will be higher still. When the first round of



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electricity price rises take effect on April 1. London's prices, already 5 per cent higher than the average elselectricity where, will be going up by about 18 per cent, compared with a national average increase which is 11 per cent lower.

When the second round of increases already in the pipeline emerge, the details are likely to show a total average increase in London's electricity prices of more than one quarter in_the single year.

There are two reasons why Londoners appear to be getting a less than fair deal. One is the Government's financial target demanding a rate of return equivalent to a profit of 12 per cent a year. This has been set. without variation, for every

electricity board in the country. and takes no account of the fact that the London Electricity Board has social, technical and financial problems all its own. The second, in the opinion of the London Electricity Consulwatchdog in this field, is that the LEB is simply less efficient

than other boards.

A year ago the LEB chairman conceded: "It still costs a lot more to run the London board than it should. We are taking a close look at every-thing to see where economies and greater efficiency can be obtained." The consultative council says it has had no firm evidence of internal savings

The Times is not the only great national organ to be moving to new technology. Hansard will shortly be forsaking hot metal and letterpress printing for the brave new world of visual dis-play units, computer typesetting and offset lithography. If all goes to plan, it will be moving into a new building near the Eelephant and Castle in Octo-ber. The size of Hansard will change, to A4, but the format will remain the same and, most important of all the typeface used will still be Times Roman.

Burglary rate

Who says crime doesn't pay? Chief Superintendent Arthur Snow, director of the Home Office crime prevention unit. Mr Snow, helping leanth a Design Council exhibition aimed at making us lock up more effectively, recorded that some 250,000 homes were burgled in 1978, and £63 million worth of property stolen. Only 8 per cent was recovered.

That is average haul of £250 per burglary, which, less the £20 for the average recovery rate, means "a net gain of £230 per job. less overbeads". As each burglary is reckoned to take 15 minutes or less, "the rate for the job is about £900 per hour", Mr. Snow concluded. There are, of course, disad-

vantages. Nearly one third of males in Her Majesty's prisons are there for burglary, a quarter for their and handling stolen property. Also, as in many other occupations, the job opportuni-ties are greater abroad. Though everyone in Britain can expect to be burgled at least once in their lifetime, the pickings are richer in the rest of Europe and

'arty's over

Impressed by modesty where I thought none existed, I noticed that Saarchi and Saatchi omitted their best-known and most successful client from recent advertisements boasting about the advertising agency's successes.

They say they decided to devote the space to newer assignments, and longer-established accounts like the political party they helped back to office were therefore left out. But of course it could also be that there are no more political accounts like that one around to be attracted by advertisers' advertisements.

Shocking bill There is an anomaly about

legislation intended to protect customers from being faced with unexpectedly high bills in restaurants which can defeat the object of the exercise. Restaurants are obliged to display their prices inclusive of VAT at the door, and they have to give notice of any minimum and service charges there,

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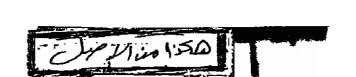
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LASON AND BELIEF

inthronement of a new shop of Canterbury is an n that requires the Church ;land not just to welcome man to lead it but also to s its order of priorities. are three purposes that urch as an institution must have in mind: to preach spel both to its own memnd to the unconverted; to itness in its social activi-

that Gospel, to be a of good works as well faith; to organize itself, mernally and in its relanith other Churches, as to the other two objectives. Church will never realize l potential if it fails to importance to all three of purposes, but in recent it has seemed to accord too high a priority to the and third. It is poor ony to the power of the an faith if Christians canoperate effectively with. nother, but perhaps too time and mental energy in devoted to the developof synodical government pursuing schemes of reunion with other es that have not yet come thing. Similarly, there is or now that the ordination ten will be another issue il prove too great a diver-all these questions matter, t to the exclusion of the 's central purpose.

equally important that the sbould demonstrate its to the Gospel by doing t can to relieve the sufin the society around it. social work, the urge to minister to the practical needs of the secular world, absorbs too high a proportion of effort there is the risk of the Church seeming to be little more than the greatest of the voluntary organi-

The principal purpose of the Church must be to preach the Gospel, and to do so in ways that will seem relevant to the world today. This is not a call for liturgical gimmickry, or for self-conscious attempts to keep up with the latest manifestations of youth culture. It is rather a plea for intellectual substance. The intellectual foundations of Christianity have been undermined, in appearance though not in fact, for more than a century. Yer if the essential message of the Church is not believed everything else it does is either a waste of time or something that others could do equally well.

In some of his remarks since his appointment was announced Archbishop Runcie has placed a welcome emphasis upon intellect-ual substance. Yet, if this course is followed, there is a contrary danger of which he showed himself to be fully aware in his enthronement address yesterday. How can a Church that is concentrating upon the intellectual substance of its message, avoid becoming a narrow sect? Can it stress the importance of doctrine without becoming narrowly dog-matic. "We are tempted", he declared, "to organize ourselves like any other party or pressure group, to establish sharper divid-ing lines between those who are members and those who are not, to compete more aggressively for the attention of the public, to recruit new members with a strident self-confidence which suggests that we have nothing to learn, to persuade with a loud voice rather than with the quiet reason of the heart."

The dilemma is a real one, but the answer is probably to be found in the nature of religious belief and in the traditions of the Church of England. The truth of Christianity cannot be proved as if it were subject to the laws of natural science. Faith must always require the leap in the dark but it is a leap that can be aided by the intellect: not just the heart, but quiet reason,

This approach to religion is in accord with the traditions of the Church of England, Sometimes they have led to a distinct worldliness, more recently to what has seemed to be close to humanism in a cassock-and indeed there were portions of Archbishop Runcie's address yesterday in which his admirable desire for a dialogue with all people of goodwill seemed to verge in that direction. But at its best the Church has been true to the definition offered by Bishop Creighton in 1899: "the formula which most explains the position of the Church of England is that it rests on an appeal to sound learning". It does not seek to prove its propositions with mathematical precision, but to put its propositions in a form which does not defy the intelligence of learned men. In an age that is becoming progressively more open to religious speculation, it is still important that belief and reason should not be seen as being in conflict with

E MARTYRDOM OF AN ARCHBISHOP

scar Arnulfo Romero, the shop of San Salvador, is king event, and not only e of the outstanding qualithe man. It also shows the stupidity of the assassins, spear to think that they fle the claims for simple which Mgr Romero ed by an act of violence sort. In fact his murder ly harden attitudes in El or still further and lead 2 bloodshed. Salvadoreans d hoped that some sort of il reform would be posster last October's coup, e promises which were

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ras killed because he had ; a symbol—of the need ıman rights and social Since his appointment in hen, ironically, the mili-vernment of the day had ed him as a man who not cause them trouble. Romero had become a figure in Salvadorean is weekly sermons in the

al of San Salvador, ly broadcast by the

arder on Monday night of Catholic radio station, was scar Aroulfo Romero, the widely listened to. He used them to denounce acts of repression by the armed forces, of which there have been all too many in recent years, and to advocate social change. Obviously he was a thorn in the side of successive governments, and particularly resented by the armed forces. He received many death threats. But until now the position of the Roman Catholic Church in El Salvador, and his own personal standing, had protected him.

El Salvador is a country in which a great part of the wealth is held by a few families—the "Fourteen Families" according to tradition. Pressures for land reform were resisted for many years; the last, big uprising was a peasants' rebellion in 1932, which was brutally put down by between 10,000 and 20,000 deaths. Since then the armed forces have been in control, and the economic interest groups have been able to ensure that there were no radical changes. The prospects suddenly improved with last October's coup, when younger officers took over and promised reform. The brought civilian politicians, many with progressive views, into the government. But the new junta found that, whatever good intentions it might have, it was not able to put them into effect because of resistance from the armed forces and the right, so that the leftists left the

been formed, with the participa-tion of the Christian Democrats and the active support of the United States, which is anxious about developments in Central America in the aftermath of last year's revolution in Nicaragua and is trying to promote reform. A far-reaching land reform programme has been announced and the banks have been nationalized. But violence and killings continue, many of them carried out by the security forces. Mgr Romero's standpoint was

Since then a new junta has

that of a committed churchman, in line with the contempory doctrines of the Catholic Church in Latin America. He gave a cautious welcome to the government set up after the October coup, and then became critical when violence continued. He was sharply critical of the United States for acting to support repressive policies in El Salvador. He also implied that, though he advocated peaceful reform, when all else failed change might have to come about by violent means, through the revolutionary movements of the left. It is not surprising that he made enemies in the heated amnosphere of Salvadorean politics, where the right tends to regard all pressures for change as communist-inspired. But his murder is not going to still the pressure for reform, and ensures that his memory will live on as an inspiration.

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a flexible mixed economy, meets

the impact of world recession

from a far better position. It is now obviously the better partner

for Uganda, or perhaps one should say that Kenya offers the

best gateway through which aid

to Uganda can flow : and Binaisa

has already begun to restore

Asian and foreign assets to their owners. The real obstacle to an

aid programme is the continuing breakdown of law and order,

which exacerbates the other tribal and political divisions of

the post-Amin aftermath.

HANGE IN THE AFRICAN BALANCE Kenya, on the other hand, faces all Tanzania's problems of

government.

Zimbabwe under are black nationalist ment will, if Mr Mugabe's atic policies are coned and successful, produce ce-up in relationships in from the Cape to Somalia. ued civil war in Rhodesia have kept a group of overed economies on the edge akdown. A new prospect is g up, and it could be able.

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both President Kaunda esident Machel the restoraof Zimbabwe's agriculture ts normal productivity ses to abate the threat of and unrest; the influence ichel may be seen in the w Mr Mugabe has given to ring the white farmers and iving exports. The political quence of this is important: lessen the dependence of three upon President re's leadership. Not only yerere largely inspire the ttline Presidents" in workor the Rhodesian solution, e even diverted maize to of them despite Tanzania's rowing food shortage. They beholden to him; now they holly their own men.

sident Nyerere, besides g the frontline presidents nsisting on Mugabe's viclast year ejected President as anarchy and drought threaten from Uganda, where he Uganda.

cablishment of an indepen- still has nearly 20,000 troops in a law and order role. He proposes to withdraw them before long, but their presence has given him a large measure of control and vero over President Binaisa (his own nominee) even in cabinet reshuffles. (Just as Tanzanian troops in the Seychelles safeguard the socialism they installed

> Nyerere's influence has thus been far reaching, but it is waning and not only in central Africa. For President Binaisa is also struggling for independence. This month he visited Kenya to show it. Ostensibly he wished to discuss the smuggling of coffee into Kenya, the need to improve road and rail links and the anarchy in the pastoral regions which afflict both countries. But he also certainly discussed with the Kenyans the possibility of a reconstruction for Uganda which would not be tied to the (increasingly unpopular). Tan-zanian presence and allegiance to Nyerene's ideological leader-

> The Kenyans warch sardonically as Tanzania, shored up as it has been by western and international aid, seeks desperately for new loans and credits. But, after soliciting world bank assistance, Dr Nyerere repudiated (and still does) its conditions as infringing " our cherished policies of socialism and selfreliance". In effect he is demanding that his socialism must be funded and underwritten indefinitely by the capitalist west; to rub the argument in, he has refused to compensate Lonnho for the nationalization of its assets, though indeed he has no money to compensate any-body, even if he felt the obliga-Now, bowever, his socialism's failures, combined with drought, have threatened Tanzania with famine as much

It may be said that this is the moment to revive Uganda's earlier informal ideas of a Commonwealth force. That idea is strengthened by the success of the Commonwealth monitors in Zimbabwe. Uganda presents & different task, but the instrument has proved itself. Kenya made a contribution in Rhodesia and now Zimbabwe itself will, like Nigeria, have efficient troops to spare. The cost of reconstruction in Uganda will be far less if it can be assessed in an armosphere of civil peace, such as a neutral force (with a training function) can supply. Britain's contribution would have to be limited, but it could again set the tone.

The border between pragmatic Kenya and socialist Tanzania remains closed, a symbol of Kenya's isolation. But perhaps Tanzania is destined now to change places with Kenya. Africa needs practical measures rather than ideology. Nyerere's services in Uganda merit recognition, but events are calling from him, no less than from other African leaders, a reexamination of his position and beliefs in the interests of his own suffering people.

Withholding of VAT payments

From Str Andrew Watson Sir, Now that we have a legally qualified Prime Minister might we not have been entirled to expect a greater respect for our treaty obligations?

It surely offers hade encouragement to our citizens to respect our municipal laws if our head of government announces her intention to flout the Community law by which we have so recently agreed to be

It will be interesting to note the eaction of the Commissioner Customs and Excise rowards all those who now threaten to suspend their VAT payments pending a reso-lution of their dispute with the Inland Revenue. One suspects he may show them that in the long run such chreats carry no weight and do not pay, Yours truly,

ANDREW WATSON. Tekon House, Newbold-on-Stour. Stratford-upon-Aven, Warwickshire.

From Mr Owen Warnock Sir, It seems that for the United tributions from the REC would be to break the law. If this is indeed so I am disturbed that both the Government and the Opposition should accept it as a proper tactic in the negotiations to reduce our

share of the Community budget. There are occasions when to break the law is a justifiable response to tyranny; we have surely not yet been driven so far. What ses me great concern is that it tasses me great concern is that it has not been felt necessary aven to try to demonstrate why such a flagrant breach of the law is justified. The United Kingdom Government voluntarily submitted to the EEC legal system; most of the inhabitants of Britain had little choice but to accept our domestic laws. It would be ironic if the result of this "law and order" government's contribution to respect for the law would be to make the British feel morally free to floor it. Of course that will not be the result : we will be as law-abiding as ever and ashamed at our government's

example:

The United Kingdom complains constantly and self-righteeusly about the French illegalities over lamb imports; it is hypocrisy for the Government to threaten to withhold VAT unless at the same time it states clearly why this is not against the law. the law.

Yours faithfully, OWEN WARNOCK, 13 Ashley Village, Coldbarbour Lane, Frenchay, March 21.

Changes in planning law From Mr F. J. C. Amos

Sir, Your correspondent Mr Gay (March 15) charges Mr Switzer (February 29) with manufacturing controversy, but then proceeds to commit the same offence himself. bianning law referred to in these letters is to let district councils six sys have their way in matters of development control except where there is a right of appeal against a refusal of permission.

It is true, of course, that the majority of development proposals only have local implications and may be desit with very adequately by district councils. However, there by district councils. However, there are always some proposals which individually or collectively may seriously undermine the purpose of the overall county policies end plans for the area but which may, nevertheless, be highly attractive to the district council concerned. In the proposed legislation, if a district council decides to grant permission, there is nothing which the county council or the inhabitants can do be it readly in the rabbic interess. Is it really in the public interest that local views should always override the wider community interests? Superficially, county policies and plans may seem remote and obscure, yet through the structure plan procedure county proposals have been discussed with people in all parts of the county and, so far as is possible, reflect their views and aspurations. As a result, counties have done much to secure an orderly development of town and country and to protect and subsuce the

The legislative proposels affects ing development control and the approval of local plans will allow a headstrong district council to disregard these wider views and have its own way.

Can Mr Gay seriously suggest that these are only "routine amendments to planning law"? Yours faithfully, FRANCIS J. C. AMOS, Honorary Secretary, The Royal Town Planning Institute, 26 Portland Place, WI.

Falkland fishing

From Mr G. White Sir, Mr Johnson asks (March 22) for Government help to discover whether there are fish around the

Falkland Islands. rancand islands.

I can tell him that the last inter-national-football match of any con-sequence played in southern lati-nudes was Falkland Islands versus Poland, I stood among some Polish ladies giving support to their team.
The truth of the matter is that
almost any day several East European fishing trawlers call in the outer barbour of Port Stanley to unload at one or more of their fac-

tory ships.
The kind people of Stanley, as sporting as they are sensible, can assure Mr Johnson that the fish these travelers catch are very good eating. What neither these ardently patriotic Islanders, nor I, can under-stand is why Hull, but not Warsaw or Moscow, needs confirmation that there are tons upon tons of fish around the islands and that every facility can be arranged for British fishermen. Every facility, that is, other than the likelihood of an easy win on the Stanley football pitch. Yours faithfully, G. WHITE, 6 Mayfield Drive,

Caversham,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Against a reduction in child benefits

From Projessor J. E. Meade, FBA Sir, To reduce public support for the family by economising child benefits has undesirable effects both for the relief of poverty and also for economic incentives. Finding support out of low wages for children is a main cause of poverty; and the payment of child benefits is for this reason a main weapon for the relief of poverty.

Unlike unemployment benefit, supplementary benefit, and various means-tested payments, child benefits are paid to the parents regardless of their earnings; and for this reason their development in replacement of these other social benefits for children removes a main disincentive to earn at the lower end of the income scale. Their finance is expensive; but there are few forms public expenditure which are advantageous for incentives as well as for social welfare. Yours faithfully,

J. E. MEADE, 40 High Street, Little Shelford, Cambridge. March 23.

From the Director, Child Poverty Action Group Sir, Ronald Burn's case for the deindexation of themployment and other social security benefits (March 20) rests largely on the assumption that these benefits currently act as a major disincentive to work. He does not, however, produces a support of the contract of the co duce any evidence in support of this assumption. Official figures, in fact, show that hardly anyone is better off our of work than in work, although it is true that there is a larger group who stand to gain only a few pounds on return to work, especially if they do not claim all the means-tested benefits available to them. But a DHSS analysis of actual cases concluded that " this financial disincentive is only one of a number of factors and that it does not in itself deter more than a small proportion from seeking and finding work. The availability of jobs is the crucial factor, and personal health is also important." To the extent that there is any problem of disincentives, the DHSS civil servants argued that "the solutions he in increasing the income of those in work, not in cutting the real value of benefits." It is worth remembering that that rats memployment benefit for a couple, with two children is a mere £33.35 a week plus £8 child benefit which is also paid in work. To cut benefits which are stready too low can only mean real hardship for

the unemployed and others.
Unformmetely, Round Butt mis-understands the role that child

benefit plays here. Far from being benefit plays here. Far from being part of a package of benefits "which for some people actually make it more worth while not work than to work", child benefit, in the words of the Conservative Research Department, "has an important part to play in increasing work incentives. This is because an increasing work in child benefits helps the crease in child benefits helps the employed family but not the unem-ployed family (because an increase in child benefit is matched by a corresponding reduction in unem-ployment or supplementary benefin)." Furthermore, child benefit is nor raxable which strengthens Mr Butt's argument that it should be

A truly "courageous" Budget would make cuts in government expenditure (which includes the "hidden welfare state" of tax midden welfare state" of tax reliefs and exemptions) at the expense of the better-off who bene-fitted from large words. fitted from last year's Budget in order to make it possible to protect the poor from the ravages of inflation and unemployment. Yours faithfully, RUTH LISTER.

viewed in the same way as personal

Child Poverty Action Group. 1 Macklin Street, Drury Lane, WC2, March 20.

From Projessor C. V. Brown (March 24) is incorrect when it states: "Because child benefits are not means-tested they do not deter the individual from working more for himself and they can be raised without any disincentive effect."

People at work will wish to work less if child benefit (or any other element of unearned income) increases. This has long been known to be true if people value extra leisure (the "income" effect of intermediate economic texts) and has now been confirmed by a large number of empirical studies in the United Kingdom and United States.

The argument may be easier to

grasp intuitively if we consider the effect of not reising the benefit. Families will be worse off in real terms and will need to work more to maintain their previous living standards. This argument of course leaves

open the question of whether child benefit should have its real value maintained when living standards are falling. Yours faithfully, C. V. BROWN,

Ben Loyal, Chalton Road, Bridge of Allan, Stirling.
March 24.

Attitudes to Iran From Dr A. Afrooz

Sir, I wish to protest very stron against the article headed "W Iran needs a new figurehead and the West a new strategy", which you published in your issue of ary 25, 1980.

In the first place, I think Mr Temple-Morris might have declared his interest, as the sun-in-law of the late Khoseimeh Alam, a close associ-ate of the deposed Shah, before admonishing your readers not to "gossip through Western eyes about the Shab's past".

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Secondly, I feel that you, Sir, by publishing an article of this type designed overtly to undermine the integrity and independence of a well-recognized government, are falling short of the standards of your profession and abusing the freedom of the press.

I should not normally bother to answer such a spitcful and contemptible article. But I am anxious to show that we Iranians still respect the responsible British press, and that we count on the public to try sincerely to recognize the noble values and humanistic goals of the Islamic Revolution under Imam Khomelni's leadership, whose martyrs gave their blood to revive the purity and faith of early Islam, and to shape the true imaga of Islam for the benefit of all mankind.

In claiming that "the Shah has

In claiming that "the Shah has In claiming that "the Shah has suffered enormous and unjustified vilification, even in the responsible press, and yet has said little in his defence", Mr Temple-Morris is merely repeating what the paid spokesmen of that megalomaniac "figure-head" have always said. The fact is that the deposed Shah, who despoiled the oppressed people of Iran of billions of dollars, has nothing to say in his defence.

Again, when Mr Temple-Morris

Again, when Mr Temple-Morris writes "the Iranian Church simply does not have the capacity to govern", or "the Church is divided between the Ayatollahs Khomeini and Shariat-Madari", he simply reveals his own ignorance. The Iranian Muslim clergy are never called "the Cirurch". Their high standards of political virtue and humanistic goals of life are quite

different from those of the pseudo-religious communities called churches. They are completely free from such human failings as ego-

Islamic Revolution, whose victory has cost our people more than 70,000 innocent and noble lives.

Mr. Temple-Morris is terribly mistaken if he really thinks that "the army is demoralized by the Revolution", and that the revolutionary guards "would not last long if confronted by any organized force". Our Islamic Army, which now has faith in God and not in the lunatic clown whom some call openlunatic clown whom some call open-banded Aryametr, is in every respect much stronger than ever; and the Revolutionary Guards who, with the strength of faith in God and sincere loyalty to Imam Khomeini, defeated the Pahlavi army, are now, with the support of the people, better placed than ever to confront our enemy. And I am sure Mr Temple-Morris was not

the unpleasant unreteenth-century nature of meaning in the internal affairs of other countries has been out of fashion among the wise for some time now, even in the West. Unhappily there is from time to time a resurgence of it in quarters where one would not necessarily expect it. Could it be that some people and working in proposition. people are unable to reconcile themselves to the loss of credits and caviars which are no more? Yours respectfully,

16 Princes Gate, SW7.

Ireland's entente cordiale From Mr D. Kennedy

Sir, As every Irish schoolboy knows, the landing of General Humbert at Killala was followed by the rout of the Redcoats from Mayo. So competitive was the celerary of the Redcoats to quit Mayo that their rout then and since has been celebrated by the title. "The Races of Cocclebra" Castlebar". Humbert's army cross the Shannon and was eventually defeated at Ballinamuck in co Longford in the eastern province of Leinster. A Longford man, Sean MacEoin, avenged the defear of Humbert in this century and Red-costs no longer run in Mayo or

stand in Longford.

Mr Charles Haughey, a native of Castlebar, may perhaps have mentioned Humbert in his tête-a-tête at the Elysée, and will no doubt have a more indicious opinion of French endeavour than your leader writer. Yours cordially. DONAL KENNEDY, 46 Belmont Road, Palmers Green, N13.

Right to resign

From Mr C. Nettleton Sir, I am as much against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan as anyone, and I am in favour of boycotting the Olympic Games in Moscow. But

rism and conceit. There is therefore no reason to expect a civil war, a missary coup, or a successful counter-revolution. But evidently some people are unwilling to accept the patent truth that, despite the subversive activities of some small foreign-inspired and publicly dis-graced groups, our nation is whole-heartedly loyal to Imam Khomeini, Islamic Revolution, whose victory

sure Mr Temple-Morris was not reflecting the views of the wise and responsible authorities here in Britain when he wrote we and the West may find ourselves faced with the eventual necessity of seizing the Iranian and perhaps other oil fields. Finally I should like to add that

A. AFROOZ. Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of March 19.

Sir Frederick Corfield (March 22) is wrong when he says that, in electing to choose a career in the service of the Crown, a civil servant

undertakes loyally to implement the policies of HM Government.

The only policies of HM Government which a civil servant is bound to implement are those which the Government has incorporated in written laws. Sir Frederick's men-tion of the right to resign can only mean that he thinks that, if a civil servant does something contrary to a resolution of the House of Com-mons which is not a law, he should resign.

I have been a civil servant all my working life. A civil servant does not undertake to implement Government policies. The fact that the House of Commons passed a resolution on March 17 that (inter alia) "the House . . . believed that the United Kingdom should not take part in the Olympic Games in Moscow " does not oblige civil servants, either legally or morally to "implement the policies of HM Government". A civil servant is just as entitled to do as he pleases as anyone else, provided he does not contravene the Official Secrets Act or otherwise break the law.

Yours faithfully, CLIFFORD NETTLETON. 11 Goddards Close. Cranbrook, Kent

Government reform in Ulster

From Mr Jejjrey Dudgeon Sir, in the absence of devolution the Conservative manifesto promised Northern Ireland local ernment reform. A charitable view of the now grounded Atkins initiative is that it was intended as a last attempt to find agreement on devolution before proceeding to implement the plans of Airey Neave. Assessment of the Republican strategy of political assassination is dependent on Mrs Thatcher's next move. If the process of integration is further impeded as it has been since Mr Atkins replaced Roy Mason the strategy must be judged successful. For it was the murder of Lord Mountbatten that brought the "initiative" to life and saw the Mason 'Neave policies reversed.

There is obviously no agreement on devolution, just as a legislature in Belfast is pointless and any contrived government structure is fuel to the paramilitaries, by virtue of its instability. Direct rule is popular and requires permaneucy through re-insertion of an upper tier of local government. The Con-servative Government cannot escape its commitment even if it must

continue to pay lip service to some future return of Stormont.

It cannot have escaped the notice of the Prime Minister that external pressures have lessened. Senator Kennedy has failed to become the Democratic nomines for the Presidency and Mr Haughey's indifference to anything short of Irish unity obviates any concessions to Dublin. Though local government reform will be resisted by the SDLP and categorized as a return to Processant ascendancy, it will be under the direct supervision of Westminster for the first time.
The Rouse of Commons would not tolerate discrimination or sec-

tarianism. Yours sincerely. JEFFREY DUDGEON. 61 Duniuce Avenue.

Social service spending

From Mr H. W. Mellor Sir, In referring to the "substantial contributions made to voluntary agencies providing residential care Mr Hanson (March 7) overstates the case for local authorities. These contributions are made to help the resident pay the fees, and the voluntary body is doing what the local authority would otherwise have the responsibility for, and generally doing it at less cost. It is only very acceptionally that responsibility that responsibilities that responsibilities that responsibilities that the responsibilities that the responsibilities that the responsibilities that the responsibilities the responsibilities that the responsibilities the responsibilities that the responsibilities the responsibilities that the responsibilities that the responsibilities the responsibilities the responsibilities the responsibilities that the responsibilities the responsibilitie exceptionally that payments are made to the organizations themselves, for example to extend or improve the homes they run, My organization is well aware of this, for it administers a non-govern-mental fund that goes a little way

towards stepping into this breach. I am not one whose pastime is "designating public agencies", certainly not Mr Hanson's, nor do I maintain that voluntary bodies are alone in innovation and experiment; but I know that they often make a valuable contribution to local social services. They run on a shoestring, but they need that shoestring badly, and it is not good enough to confuse the issue by say-ing that "informal caring systems should not be relying on financial subventions from the public authorities". Families, neighbours and friends—"the Informal sector" are one thing: voluntary bodies are another. To make even a small cut in grant aid to the latter may mean the sacking of one of two paid staff, and could be lethal to the organization itself. Local authorities that make a marginal saving on their budgets by cuts of this sort need to be sure that this is what they

The National Corporation for the the National Corporation for the Care of Old People has had the benefit of Mr Hanson's personal devotion to voluntary organizations, and would be sorry if his enthusiasm for statutory social services caused a misunderstanding of issues that we want to the solution. that are very important to the volustary sector. Yours faithfully,

HUGH W. MELLOR, Director. National Corporation for the Care of Old People, Nuffield Lodge, Regent's Park, NWL

Natural highways

From Mr J. Liley Sir, John Young, in an otherwise Sar, John roung, in an ornerwise succinct article (March 20) warms up two old chestnuts: that the Rhine, and by inference other water routes, is a "natural highway"; and that moving goods by water is attractive only if the distances are

On the contrary, the Rhine has a fierce current, rock shelves and shallows and, in winter, ice and fog. That it carries so much traffic is through a willingness to build locks, dynamite the rapids and develop suitable craft. Other Continental waterways are entirely artificial, and much of the traffic short or mediumhavl. Industry is attracted by their efficiency, and the public blessed by a stimulating speciacle which London and Nottingham, for instance, sadly lack. Lorry traffic and the destruction of town centres are not disconnected.

The condescension that John Young refers to stems from lack of publicity for Continental methods. and perpetuation of the myths to which I refer. Yours faithfully,

JOHN LILEY, Inland Voyages (Bookings) Limited, 1-4 The Birdes Wythenshawe Town Centre,

Manchester.

From first base From Mr Martin Higham

Sir, The chair in which I sit belonged to my great-grandfather Thoroid Rogers (1823-1900). It is called the Gladstone (1809-1898) chair because it is known that he

sat in it, as did Cobden (1804-1865) and Bright (1811-1889) though not of course at the same rime. They probably all shook hands too, but I like to think that I am sitting in the sear of the mighty. Yours faithfully, MARTIN HIGHAM. Crayke Cascle, York.

Few people need reminding of the fact that last winter was the bleakest, most treacherous in years.

It was the winter of the burst pipe, the disappearing 'B' road, and everyone's discontent.

In the North of England, the conditions were nothing short of Arctic, when Clare Tapsfield, a local vet, set out on her daily calls.

It was the afternoon of 30th December.

As the good lady was soon to discover, when her carskidded on a patch of ice and disappeared into a drift.

Fortunately, Miss Tapsfield walked away without so much as a bruise.

Her car, however, had more than the odd dent to show for the experience.

In fact, the damage to the bodywork was such that it simply wouldn't budge.

With the result that the gallant 'Thorpes' of Thurgoland (the nearest garage for miles)

Once it was safely in their care, Miss Tapsfield promptly put in a claim to us, at Commercial Union.

Whereupon, we arranged to assess the damage personally, ourselves.

On the Tuesday after the New Year's holiday, our man muffled up, and set off on the rugged road to Thurgoland.

But before he could report his findings, he first had to find

task, the garage kindly sugges he use a shovel, and poin him in the direction of a six snowdrift.

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And we immediately C agreed to settle in full.

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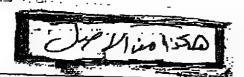
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homeless wanderer, the son of God who came among us in the form of a servant and shared our

one, whether they belong to your group or not, when you have felt suffering, poverty and sickness, not necessarily in your own person but by being a friend to those who

part toughness, part sensitivity— has to itself an authority which makes people question and change the way in which they are living. You can see it in the life of our contemporary, Mother Teresa of Calcutts. She is almost powerless, but she speaks and acts with Christ's own authority. She is impely influential in a world dis-tracted and confused by the stri-dent clamour of pressure groups and rival theories.

If the church acts as if it possessed its answers to life's prob-lems ned up in neat packages, it may be heard for a time. It may rally some waverers; but its influrally some waverers; but its influence will not last. It will confirm others in their suspicion and hostility. To them it will mean that the church, like every other human institution, is making a bid for power. Even when we speak, as we must the life-giving truths in the precious words of scripture handed down to us, those words can lack authority because what we are will deny what we say, and we will not be able to understand deeply ourselves what we

are saying. For the church to have the authority of Jesus Christ, it must not merely repeat the definitions of belief dstilled by our forerunor benef defilled by our forerun-ners, vitally important though this is. The church must live now as Jesus Christ would live now. Like Isalah of old, we must begin by admitting that we have fallen short of the vision which is given to us; but his response was "Woe is one for I am a man of unclear live and I duell in the midst of a people of unclean ilps ". This pentience should be a constant note of our life in the church. Today we celebrate the response to God's call made by a response to God's call made by a young woman of no greet family or oducation. She was able to hear God speaking in a way which was, and is, not possible for the worldly-wise with the crust of success which cakes the eyes and covers the ears. "How shall these things be?" Wooder, longing, obedience are the mixture in Mary, the first to respond to the call of God in Christ. So the strange authority of

Christ's church begins not in the assumption that we possess all the

Mr A. E. Ames and Mrs. S. C. Deubarn Smith.
The engagement is announced between Alastair Edward, son of Mr and Mrs G. S. Ames, of Odi-

ham, Hampshire, and Sophie Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Denham Smith, of Stradbroke, Suttolk.

Mr C. M. Chalk and Miss A. M. Dowd
The engagement is amnounced between Christopher Martin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P. J. Chalk, of Holcombe Burnell, Exater, and Alison Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. T. Dowd, of Wildboardough, Macclesfield.

our poverty of spirit. From that can come a real longing to hear God speak. One of the major memors of the New Testament is frontiers we have tried to discern that a sense of possession gets in the way of spiritual growth. Our lives must be full of longing as we struggle to become more

are nearly 70,000,000 Anglican

about the unpretentions character of real Christian authority. There is no place in our understanding of authority for the Archbishop of Canterbury to visit Africa like some reigning monarch descending on a viceroy. I will be there to share what we have in England with our brothers and sisters and to learn what they have to mach us about personal discipline and sacrifice, and about the fresh joy of being a new follower of Christ.

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The same approach will be vital
in relationship with other Christian churches. It fills my heart
with great hope to see so many
Christian leaders assembled here,

as across ancient theological misunderstandings and sharp political
frogtiers we have tried to discern
the mind of Christ.

Brotherhood grows not by two
people obsessively discussing each
other's personality but by two
people looking in the same direction, working ingether and expericocing new things together.

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this way and to accept disappointment when progdess scem; slow ment when progdess scems slow has been a mark of the ministry of both my predecessors. Archof both my prenecesors. Archibishop Ramsey and Archibishop Coggan. They both saw that true Christian unity came from the sheep rallying to the call of the master and not from the sheep deciding to buddle together against the storm.

Christ does not only draw us closer to our fellow Christians. If we are to be followers of him, we will be led into friendship

we will be led into friendship with the host of thoughtful and honest men and women outside the church who are aware that the world is out of joint, perflclose to famine and war. that the streets are more and more dangerous for the weak, that femilies are breaking up, perhaps their own lives are in a mess, Christ draws as close to many people who seek God and who may be doing his will more effectively than those who can say to Christ "Lord, Lord".

You know how sometimes in an English randen you find a mare.

You know how sometimes in an English garden you find a maze. The trouble is to get to the centre of all those hedges. It is easy to get lost. I had a dream of a maze. There were some people very close to the centre, only a single bedge separated them from the very heart of the maze but they could not find a way through. They had taken a wrong nurvicible at the very beginning and would have to return to the gate if they were to make any further progress. Bur just outside the gate others were standing. They were further away from the heart of the maze, but they would be there sooner than the party that fretted and fumed inside.

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church. I would sky to them:

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priest and people, men and women, of different ages, change the atmosphere of their local comamosonere of their local com-munity, drawing people to Christ by the authority that their honesty and love and service win for them and love and service win for them.
This way of living and sharing,
admitting our own fallings and
our longings, is not what people
expect from those who six on

Spaak out, condemo, denounce speak out, conseems, sensents is what is expected. But the throne of Jesus is a mercy-seat. It stands firm against all the vileness of the world but it stands also for compassion. The way of Jesus means reverencing people whether here before to our party or not.

the world but it stands also for compassion. The way of Jesus means reverencing people whether they belong to our party or not. The strategy of Jesus means changing lives with love.

This is a hard way and people tend to want it only in theory. This is a hard way and people tend to want it only in theory. The cry is "the Church must give a firm lead ". Yes, it must, a firm lead against rigid thinking, a judging temper of mind, the disposition to over-simplify the difficult and complex problems. If the church gives Jesus Christ's sort of lead it will not be popular. It may even be despised for failing to grasp the power which is offered to it in the confusions and fears of our contemporaries. But it will be a church not only close to the mind of Jesus, it will find itself constantly pushing back the frontiers of the possible." For with God nothing is impossible." And it will be a church confident with the promise of Jesus "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the ages."

That is why this is a service of clorious celebration.

But the personal dedication around which it revolves is a dedication to the way of Jesus Christ, and the support of all who share with me in this day will find no better expression than in the personal dedication of all who share with me in this day will find no better expression than in the personal dedication of all who can follow with me in that way.

It is not just the Pounifex, that rather grand title which simply means "bridge-builders in the world, the bridge between God and man, found for us in the face of Jesus Christ, the bridge between the Jesus of history and the living Christians and even christian and christians and even christians and christians and even christians and christians and even christians and christians and

man calls out not the interest of the spectator but the fresh and renewed response of the seeker. "Here am I, send me. I am the

this show has attracted a number of excellent cotries. In the open classes for new varieties Mr W. A.

the covered Devonshire Trophy in

OBITUARY

MGR OSCAR ROMERO Champion of human rights

March 24. He was 63. Mgr Romero had made himself known far beyond his own country for the courage with which he spoke out against repression and brutality. Since becoming Archbishop in February, 1977, he had publicly advocated respact for human rights, in spite of threats against his own life, and become a towaring figure in the life of El Salvador. His sermons every Sunday in the cathedral of San Salvador ware an important event, broad-

cast across the country by the Catholic radio station. In them, be denounced the violence of the armed forces, and called for far-reaching reforms which would enable the country's peasants to live a better life. In 1978, after a visit to El Salvador by a British par-liamentary delegation, Mgr Romero was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by 118 MPs and peers of all parties.

He was born on August 15. 1917, in Ciuded Barrios, El Salvador, was ordained in 1942, and became a bishop in 1970. When he was appointed to the San Salvador see it was as the appointee of the military gov-eroment, because until then he had been known as a spiritual and conservative man who would not cause the government trouble. Activist Catholics were

disappointed at the choice.

But soon after he became archbishop, a Jesuit priest, a friend of his, who had been working with peasants, was of eld because this would killed by rightists, and this interference. The letter or transformed his attitude. He re-

Mgr Oscar Arnulio Romero, Arthbishop of San Salvador, was assassinated in San Salvador on ingly boldly against violence of all sorts.

In El Salvador in which much of the wealth has long been held by a few families whose interests have been protected by a series of military governments that have not been afraid to use violence, Mgr Romero called for a fairer distribution of wealth, particularly through land reform. When the govern-ment of General Carlos Humberto Romero-no relation-was overthrown last October by younger officers who said that they would carry out reforms, Mgr Romero gave them a cautious welcome. But as the junta which took office showed itself incapable of carrying out its promises, because of pressures from the right, and as violence by the security forces continued, he became more critical. He was even more critical of the junta which succeeded it, accusing the Christian Democrats who joined it of acting as the agents of

Mgr Romero was also critical of the various leftist groups opposing the government, often with violence of their own. But with violence of their own. But in recent months, as the pros-pects of reform sppeared to recede, he often implied that it was only through them that change would come about. In February, he wrote an open letter to President Carter

in which he accused him of helping repression through his support of the junts, and urged him not to provide any him nor to provide any form of aid because this would be interference. The letter caused

MISS E. E. S. PROCTER

Miss E. E. S. Proctar, Principal of St Hugh's College, Oxford, 1946-52, has died at the

age of 82. Evelyn Emma Stefanos Procter was the fourth Principal of St Hugh's College, Oxford. Born on June 6, 1897 and edu-cated at Corran School for Girls, Watford, and Cheltenham Ladies' College, she went to Somerville as a Commoner in 1915, when the College building was a hospital and the underand Cheltenham graduates were housed in Oriei. She gained a blue for lacrosse and a distinguished first class in Modern History, and after two years at St Felix, Southwold, a school in which she always took a great interest, she was elected Mary Somer-ville Research Fellow by her College. Work on the constituher to the Peninsula, where a classes for new varieties Mr W. A. Roton, Oakham, won first prize for six varieties raised by the exhibitor, and Mr J. W. Blanchard, Blanford, won his first prize for six hybrid miniatures raised by the exhibitor, also the two main classes in the miniature parcissi section of the competition. Mr W. A. Noton also won the covered Devonshire Trophy in solitary woman scholar was at that time a respected but embarrasting visitor to

She became Tutor at St Hugh's College in 1925, just after the schlem which had ended with the death of Miss Jourdain and the appointment of Miss Gwyer as Principal, and Fellow in the following year. Tuberculosis caught in Spain sent her to Switzerland for two years, and she was told that the climate of Oxford would be fatal; but she resolutely deter-mined to prove the doctors wrong, and from then on her life was identified with the his-

tory of St Hugh's. She took a leading part in the restoration of its reputation and in its architectural and academic development. She remained in Oxford during the Second World War, when St Hugh's undergraduates in turn were scattered to make room for a hospital, and in 1946 she was elected Principal. She was a wise and realistic administrator, who planned for the future with a firm grasp of the needs

College, she was made Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, an honour which, as she always insisted, was given to her as Principal and not as an individ-

When she retired in 1962 she was elected to an Honorary Fellowship. She was then able to give all her time to a book on the constitution of medieval Sastile, interrupted only by her characteristic undertaking to write a history of St Hugh's. The book has been accepted by the Cambridge University Press and she was working on the proofs when she died. It is hoped that the book will be published later this year. In spite of her aptitude for administration, Miss Procter was by nature a scholar. She was a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and an authority on mediaeval Spain, perhaps better known abroad than in this country. In 1949, however, she was invited to give the Norman Maccoll lectures at Cambridge, and they were published in 1951 as Alfonso X of Castile, Patron of Literature and Learn-

The time she devoted to the College was both a sacrifice of her chief pleasure and a loss of historical studies. Her refusal to give way to ill health was characteristic of her tenacity of purpose. A reluctant speaker, she achieved an apparently effortless lucidity by painful which she thought self-seeking or disingenuous roused her to white heat of fury, she seldom showed her feelings. In spite of the strength of her convictions. she was rather more than fair to opponents, and although one of her strongest convictions was that a University is above all a place of sound learning, she was kindly towards undergraduates who thought otherwise. Her mature wisdom, her grave and somewhat remote courtesy, and her disciplined strength of character were obvious to all; only a few knew her unostenzaof the present. In 1948, when only a few knew her unostenta-the Maison Francaise was tious generosity and her sensi-opened on land owned by the tive consideration for others.

ADMIRAL SIR HAROLD KINAHAN

Admiral Sir Harold Kinahan, mouth, 1931-34. From 1934 to RBE, CB, a former president of the Royal Naval College quantly Deputy Director of Greenwich, died on March 22, at the age of 86. A gunnery sptcialist, he had been Vice-President and President of the Cruiser Orion. From 1940 to 1942 he was Cruiser Branch 1940 to 1942 he was Ordnance Board. Harold Richard George Kina-

han was the son of Vice-Admiral R. G. Kinahan, and was born on June 4, 1893. He entered Osborne College as a naval cadet in 1906. From 1910 to 1913 he was a midshipman of the battleship Hindustan, and the cruiser Cochrane. He was sub-lieutenant in the Cochrane when the First World War began. As a lieutenant he joined the new battleship Queen Elizabeth, in which he served until 1918 in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Grand Fleet. He was commended for service in action at Gallipoli in 1915

From 1918 to 1920 he was at the gunnery school and from 1920 to 1922 was gunnery officer of the battle cruiser Repulse. Subsequent appointments included Gunnery Officer of HMS Hood, 1925-27; Neval Ordnance Department, 1927-29; and the Tactical School at Ports-

manded the cruiser Orion. From 1940 to 1942 he was Captain of the Flest on the staff of the Commender-in-Chief, Home Fleet, in HMS Nelson, and in 1942 took com-mand of the new battleship HMS Anson. From 1943 to 1945 he was Director of Personal Services at the Admiralty. From December, 1945 to 1947 he commanded the 15th Cruiser Squad rou, Mediterranean Fleet, and from 1947 to 1949 was Senior Naval Member and Vice-President of the Ordnance Board. in March, 1949, he succeeded Major-General F. St D. B. Lejeune as President of the Ordnance Board. He became President of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, in March, 1950, holding the appointment until his retirement in 1952. He was made CBE in 1942; CB in 1945; and KBE in 1949. He married in 1919 Marv Kathleen Downes, Deputy Principal, WRNS, and had two daughters. His wife died in

PROFESSOR W. E. ARMSTRONG

up what was to become his life's many years he assisted the University of Cambridge as a

logical honeypot that it now is, Waliace Armstrong visited and wrote about Rossel Island, in

into the nature and significance His adult life began with his of saving and investment, pub-service in the Royal Army lished in the same year as Medical Corps during the First Keynes General Theory. He was World War in which he lost a never convinced by Keynes and leg. Returning to Cambridge be spoke often of his misgivings.
involved himself actively in Much of his academic writing Bertrand Russell's peace move-ment at the same time taking cept of utility which in turn

sprang from a deep belief that there must exist, if only it could ization much better fitted to serve the needs of society than any we presently know. He was, however, quick to see the difficulties, even in his own pro-

leave his home in Kent to come University of Southampton. In due course he was elected professor. He retired in 1961.

Text of the Archbishop of Canterbury's enthronement sermon The Church 'must live now as Christ would live now'

thronement sermon: St. Luke, chapter 1, verse

St. Luke, chapter 1, verse 32 (from the Gospel for the day) "And the angel said to Mary Jesus shall be great and shall be called the son of the highest, and the Lord God shall give him the throne of his father David."

Jesus was given a throne. That means he was given a uthority, but authority of what kind, and how did he come by it?

On the day of his own entires.

On the day of his own enthroneon me day of ms own entironement, an archbishop does well to ponder such matters, which touch not only him but the whole Christian community. The church exists as an embodiment of Jesus Christ. It exists to express God's love for men and to draw men to the control of the cont an ever deeper love of God. We are doing this work as we become more like Jesus Christ.

Our proper authority comes by being like him and our way to a throne must be like his way. Of course the church has often Of course the church has often ried to take short cuts to authority, enforcing respect and obedience by worldly means and so obscuring the face of God. I have inherited a substantial supply of weapons which once equipped the archbishop's private army. Men of power sat in that chair and their pikes now decorate the walls of Lambeth Palace. Museum pieces? Museum pieces?

But the temptation to gain the church's end by using the world's means is still with us. We are tempted to organize ourselves like any other party or pressure group, to establish sharper dividing bines between those who are members and those who are not, to compete more aggressively for attention from the public, to recruit new members with ettention from the public, to recruit new members with a strident self-confidence which suggests that we have nothing to learn, to persuade with a loud voice rather than with the quier reason of the heart.

reason of the beart.

Salesmanship may seem a sensible strategy for securing the church's prosperity and survival as an institution. I do not wish to be misundershood. Any church which does not make demands on those who call themselves Christian, and which does not desire to draw privacy into the converge. to draw others into the company of those who know God and love Him, is deaf to the resounding commission of the Lord which has

We have spiritual treasure in the words of life; but it matters desperately how our treasure is shared, how those ends are purd how the church seeks to exercise authority. Aggression and compulsion was not the way of Jesus Christ, the

Forthcoming

Mr J. M. Norman and Mrs D. M. Weeks

The engagement is announced

between Jeremy, son of the Hon Mrs B. J. Norman, 31 Milner Street, SW3, and Mr W. R. Nor-man, Hurst Mill, Petersfield, Hampshire, and Danuska, daugh-ter of Mrs Grajewska and the late Mr. Grajewski, Wroclaw, Poland.

and siss.]. Mr.Corquodale
The engagement is announced between Hew, younger son of Major and Mrs David Hair, of Lillialest House, Lillisleat, Roxburghshire, and Joanna, eldest daughter of Mr. Eusu McCorquodale, of 20 Inchester Place, London W14, and Mrs Patrick Hazlehurst, of Broomy Court, Liandinabo, Rerefordshire.

The engagement is announced

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs C. A. Chastel de Boinville, of Stobo Bill, Lower Bource, Farnham, Surrey, and Shaunagh, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. B. Magill, of Mulberry Hill, Baughorst, Hampshira.

The engagement is announced between David Wyme, son of the late Rev D. E. James and Mrs James, of Aberseron, and Michelie

James, or Aberseton, and Machelle James, younger daughter of Mr B. S. L. Smith, of Esher, and Mrs Anthony Elliot, of Chilbolton, Hampshire.

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and Miss S. E. Magill

Dr D. W. James and Miss M. J. Smith

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suffering. When you are a friend to every-

suffer, then you are led into a depth of love which the hard-boiled never glimpse or attain.

This deep unsentimental love—

One task which is going to occupy much of my time is gaining some knowledge of the worldwide Anglican communion. There are nearly 70,000,000 Anglicans spread in every continent with a great variety of styles of life, I am soon to attend an enthronement in Central Africa of an archishop for a new French-speaking province of the Anglican communion, Archbishop Bezaleri will be enthroned in very different circumstances. No cathedral, let alone trumpers there.

cumstances. No cathedral, let alone trumpers there.

This service in Canterbury, so carefully prepared, so magnificently beautiful, speaks eloquently of the glory of God and the dignity which God gives to man by loving them. Its pageantry speaks, too, of English tradition of which we are rightly proud. Countries, like individuals, only thrive if they are loved, and I am proud of a religious tradition which, in of a religious tradition which, in attenpring to blend freedom and religious conviction, has coloured a nation's life and sometimes been

paid for in blood.

But it may be that the simple service to which I shall go in Africa will prove more cloquent about the uncluttered way in which the church should live now, about the unpretentions character

Christian leaders assembled here, from every part of the globe.

The vitality and spiritual energy represented here could be a great force for world peace and social justice. Much is being done already, but we are hampered by our divisions, and the world wide Christian church will not be able to speak the authority of Christ until it speaks with one voice. Few would dissent from that, but how is h to be achieved?

I believe that negotiations have only a limited usefulness without

The vitality and spiritual energy who stand outside the Christian Christians and a world where our together we could look for the secten of the mare-like muddle in past itself." I ask for your prayers that I may be given the grace to speak like with some other person or whith that and listen.

But I must stand also not at the world to rights, do you begin with some other person or whith that and listen.

But I must stand also not at the world to rights, do you would seek to put the world itself." I ask for your prayers that I may be given the grace to speak like with some other person or with that and listen.

But I must stand also not at the world to rights, the bridge between Christian and christian.

Christians and a world where our christians and a world where it together it to speak the together the together at the together is the peak of the mare al

A single gold medal awarded at show By Our Horricultural Correspondent and S. 'Primrose Dame', greeny red and yellow, Mr Arthur Elle, Nest Germany. The Daffodil Competition at

yellow blooms.

Trees and shrubs that bloom at The flower and garden equip-ment show of the Royal Horti-cultural Society fills the New Hall, Westmingster, to capacity and there is much to interest visitors. Not only do the plants make a colour-ful display but the gardening hardware is attracting considerable

James Trehane and Sons, Wimborne, have staged a large and effective display of camellias and are the worthy winners of the only are the worthy winners of the only gold medal awarded at this show. The company overcame the recent late frosts by moving the plants under glass, and are thus showing some excellent specimens.

Worthy of note are 'Debbie', pale cerise, 'Clarrie Fawcett', piok, 'lingle Beils', red, 'Grand Jury', pink, 'Donation', pink, 'Interval', pink with yellow centre, a new unnamed variety with pale, almost ivory-pink flowers, and 'Frost Queen', tvory.

TREBUG.

Mr H. D. T. Heips and Miss B. M. Wells
The engagement is announced between Hew, son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. T. D. P. Helps, of Clopton Hall, Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Beverlay, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. C. Wells, of Totteridge Farm, Pewsey, Wiltshire. lvory.
There is a lovely display of there is a lovely display of daffodils showing the considerable colour range now available in these spring flowers. Among the varieties are ' Ice Follies', white,

"Stadum", foory with a yellow cup, "Golden Ducat", double yellow, "Red Devon", yellow with orange cup, "Spellbinder", limegreen, and the little yellow miniature "Tete a Tete". miniature 'Tete a Tete'.

There are many other spring flowering bulbous plants exhibited also, as well as a number of early blooming alpine plants, such as Andromeda Polifolia 'Macrophylla', pink, Androsace carnea halleri, white, and the saxifrages S. burserana, grey leaf clumps with red stemmed white flowers,

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Royal Institute of Chemistry
The President of the Royal Institont of Chemistry, Professor
R. O. C. Norman, held a luncheon
party at 30 Russell Square yesterday. The guests included:
The Bon John Stain, MP, Str Month
Frantiscon, Str Lee Printary, Mr Goy
Barners, MP, Dr Dickson Maloon, MP,
Mr A. M. Stown, Mr C. N. Themosen,
Dr E. G. J. Willing, Mr S. A. Rissual
and Dr Bric Parker.

Lady Mayoress of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster gave a dinner
yesterday at Chy Hall in hopour
of the Speaker of the House of

The other guests were:

Viscoust and Viscoustess Slim, the
Lord Caler Justice and Lady Widgery.
Lord and Lady Hence of the Rivel.

Sir Pariste and Lady Dean Ledy
Norton, the Chairman of the GLC and
Mrs Vigars, Rasr Admiral and Mrs
E. F. Gueritr, Mr John Wheeler, MP,
and Mrs Wheeler, Prebendary and Mrs
Frank Covenity, Mr and Mrs R. D.

Smart, Mrs Norsk Tew, Mr Teruser
Mallinson and Counciller Mrs Mallinson and Mr J. A. Clewley.

Comingsby Club
The Covingsby Club entertained
Mr James Prior, MP, at dinner last
night at the House of Commons.
Mr David Heathcost-Amory was in
the class.

Trees and shrubs that bloom at this time of year are always popular and some worthy of note are Ribes sanguingum 'Albescens', fragrant clusters of pale yellow, Pieris 'Scarlet O'Hara', a probusion of yellow white heather-like bloom, the white Chaenomeles speciosa 'Nivalis', Magnolia stellata, just opening tu pale pink, buds and a selection of cherries, including Prunus cerusifera including Prums cerasifera Nigra P. Kursar and P. kursar and P. wadci, the latter smothered with alightly fragrant single pink An exhibit of house plants. including begodies and brometiads, is effective, and contains also the ngusual Veltheimis viridiflora.

sais for those interested in these ministure trees, and exhibits of other plants including bellebores, polyanihus, primulas, dwarf con-ters, ivies, heathers, orchids, diver foliage plants, sempervivums and bern

Few plants were submitted for recards but the following received Awards of Merit: Aechmen recurrent a Recurvata', red flowers and bracus, and Begonia concluitolla, pink, both from Mr L. Maurice Mason, King's Lynn; Rhododendron (sinogrande Macrison), cream and white. Mr Robert Suphenson Clarke, Borde Hill; Odonicoda 20rkola 'Bloomesberrow Piace', red, Miss D. G. Abright, Ledbury; Cynbidium 'Amsrelueen', cream, pink and red, Maerwissen Orchideen B.V., Holland; 'and Odonicocidium' Ryko 'Myamoso Hambuhren',

the open classes for a collection of 12 varieties, representing not fewer than three divisions, one stem of each, with some perfect Mrs H. Oxton, Colchester, was a consistent prize-winner in the classes for single blooms and not sumber of points but also the Best Bloom with a superb speci-men of "Unique". Mr R. A. Southon, Limpstield Chart, came a close second in these classes, and went on to win both the main amateur classes for collections of six varieties from not fewer than three divisions.

The Magnolla and Ornamental Plant Competition was poorly attended, no doubt due to the recent bad weather, and Mr Robert Stephenson Clark, Borde Hill, was the principal prize-winner through out. His specimens of Magnolia mollicomate, M. combelli X mollicomate and M. sargentians robusts, won him first prize in the main class for three distinct mannolise. The show was open again codes

Posthumous George Medal for soldier

Sgt David John Garside, aged 34, of the Territorial Army, wh died when a grenade exploded during an exercise, has been awarded the George Medal. Sgt Garside, of the 10th (Volun-teer) Battalion, the Parachute Regiment, was killed last July as he was supervising live grenade throwing at the Sennybridge train-ing area, South Wales.

From Our Labour Correspondent From Our Labour Correspondent
The Newspaper proprietors'
Association stated last night that
production of the national morning and Sonday newspapers and
the London evening newspapers
in membership of the association,
with their Manchester and Scottish
editions, "may ceuse almost
immediately because of the withdrawal of their labour by
maintenance engineers and electricians"... The ABU and the
ETU organize the maintenance
engineers and electricians of whom
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Professor W. E. Armstrong, monetary system. His thoughts formerly of Southampton Union primitive money led naturally

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Mr A. Thompson and Miss F. Firmston-Williams The engagement is announced between Alastair, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Thompson, of Aldenham Park, Skropshire, and Fiona, daughter of the late Mr G. I. Firmston-Williams and of Mrs Eigenson, Williams and Rasse.

Mr D. A. Reston and Miss P. M. Hudson
The engagement is announced between David Alan, elder son of Mrs. Joan Reston, of Frodsham, Chestore, and the late Joseph Alan Reston, and Famela Michelle, only doughter of Mr and Mrs John T. Hudson, of Wres Green, Preston.

Loday's engagements The Duke of Edinburgh as president of the Westminster Abbey Trust, attends meeting of the trustees, Westminster Abbey, 5, later, as an honorary member, attends dinner of Smeatonian Society, Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, 7.20.

Mrs Firmston-Williams, of Bent-icy, Hampshire.

Queen Elisabeth, The Queen Mother attends Gala Perform-ance, Royal Opera House, Cov-ent Garden, 7.25.

The Duke of Gloudester attends ennual speech day of Wisboch Grammar School, Cumbridge-chire, 12.15.

The Duke of Kent opens Heralds Museum and Exhibition, Tower of Loudon. Prince Michael of Kent attends Clothworkers' Company annual hunch, Chothworkers' Hall, Mincing Lane, City, 12-30, International Tyre Distributors' Association, Dorchester hotel, 7-30.

Exhibitions: The Vikings, British Museum, 10 to 5; Augustus John: Early Drawings, Maclesus Gallery, 35 & George, Westminster, 10 to 5.30. Venice, a change of attitude, by Edizabeth Muredoch, Victoria and Albert Museum, 1.15; Iron Age Enrope: Greece, Rome and the Barbarians, by David Williams, 11.30; Hindu Gods in Art, by Valerie Males, 1.15, British Museum; A Time and a Place: Bruges 1479, by Alistair Smith, National Gallery, Trafalger Square, 1; The Efficiency of Engines, by Dr Ball Dunstan; Energy Storage, by Dr Ron Brown; Energy and the Built Environment, by Peter Woods, Polytechnic of North London, Holloway, 6.30; Large Tankers, by Raiph Maybourd, Royel Society of Arts, 8 John Adam Street, Westminster, 6; The Scaleture of Glacoment, by Simon Wilson, Tate Gallery, 1; 16th Bath Spring Antiques Fair, Assembly Rooms, Bath, 11 to 8. Palks/Lectures: The Stones of

Lonchtime music: Irena Kutin, tenchinne music: Irena Kutin, piano, St Olave, City, 1.05; Meskohm Davey, organ recital, St Brides, City, 1.15; Walter Weissflog, penor, Holy Sepulchre, City, 1.15; Petronella Dittmer, violin, St Mardin-within-Ludgate, City, 1.15; Yvonne Kenny, soprano, with Geoffrey Parsons, piano, Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Road, King's Cross, 1.05. Walk: Chosts of the City, meet St Paul's Underground spation, 7:30.

High Sheriff of Greater Loudon The High Sheriff of Greater Loudon and Mrs Peter Kininnonth gave a dinner party at L'Ecu de France restaurant, Jermyn Street, yesterday for neighbouring sheriffs to mark the end of the shrieval year. sporary Art Society The Contemporary Art Society held a dinner last night at the Tate Gallery to honour Professor Alan Bowness, as the gallery's new director. Memorial servicts: Sir Michael Duff, Chelsea Old Church, noon; Lady (Hugh) Gurney, Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, noon.

with tall arities of pink and green bell-shaped dowers, and the attrac-tive Civia miniata with yellow and orange blooms.

Sette of Odd Volumes Sette of Odd Volumes

Dr Edward V. Bevan presided at the dinner and 743rd meeting of the Sette of Odd Volumes held at Wolfson College, Cambridge, last night. A paper was delivered by Brigadier Peter Young entitled The Knapsack and the Baton. Among those present were. In Milos Glesson-White. Mr A. C. Clara-Kunnedy, Judys G. J. Buns, De Donald Cashners and Air Vice-Marchai Peter Turner. Mr Peter Blaker, Minister of State Mr Frier Baker, substant of Smart for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at 1 Cariton Gardens in honour of Mr Cyril Methew, Minister of Industries and Scien-tific Affairs, Sri Lanks.

Wildsen Cinb The Nikasan Club gave a dimer at Kent University, Canterbury, yesterday for ecumenical guests and aglican primates who had earlier attended the embrunement of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Bishop of Truro was host, on behalf of the Archbishop, and behalf of the Archbishop, and, among the guests were representatives of the Free Churches, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran and Reformed Churches, the Lustianian and Spanish Reformed Episcopal Churches, the Church of North India and the Church of South India, the Ancient Oriental, the Old Catholic Churches, the Orthodox Churches St John for Landon
The Duke of Gloucinier, Grand
Prior of the Order of Sr John,
presided at a luncheun held yearerday at the Hitton hotel in aid
of the St John London Building
Appeal. Group Captain G. H.
Pirie was the principal speaker.
Others present included:
Lord Westbury. Sir Fred Pontin. Sir
Jack and Lady Lyons, Sir John Woolf.
Sir Demond Plummer, Sir Precy Russ.
Sir Benach Pontiner, Sir Precy Russ.
Sir Benach Caller, Lady Taylor.
Piricess Haletta Motilation, Mra
Leonard Pearl (Chairmen of The
appeal). Major-Ceneral B. Smith and
Colonal S, Bland.

Churches, the Orthodox Courches and the Roman Catholic Church. ecture General Devial Council

Sir Mouny Finniston delivered the Wilfred Fish Memorial Lecture for the General Dental Council yesterday. Among those present wert:

Lord Colveys, the president of the Royal Society of Medicular, the Royal Policy of Polyactons, the Medicular Policy of Polyactons Society, the Royal College of Rayslection Society, the Royal College of Rayslection, and the Royal College of Royal College of Polyacton, and the Royal College of Polyacton and Surpense of Clasgow, Burkelson Barkelson, Strate, and Mrs. S. Faith, MP. Professor F. E. Lawton, President of the General Dental Council, and Mrs. Lawton. Early 2 diffuser and Mrs Lawton, gave a dimer afterwards. Sir Monty and Lady Finniston were the guests of

Latest appointments Mr Justice Slade and Mr Justice Lincoln to be members of the Restrictive Practices Court in suc-cession to Lord Justice Comming-Bruce and Lord Justice Oliver. Other appointments include: Hr Hugh Cubiti, a director of the National Westminster Bank and former leader of Westminster City Council, to be chairman of the Horsing Corporation.

Mr Einian Holland, chief general Manager of the Pearl Assurance Company, and Mr George Russell, a director of Alcan Aluminium K) to be independent members the Civi Service Pay Research

During the training a recruit appeared to freeze with a grenade in his hand. Sgt Garside tried to move the recruit out of danger but the grenade exploded and he was fatally injured. The recruit was also burt. Sgr Garside lived at Basingstoke, Hampshire.

25 years ago

The Times and other national newspapers were not published from March 26 to April 20, 1955.

From The Times of Friday, March 25, 1955

Newspaper strike

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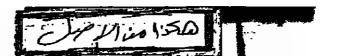
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Abnormal stock levels and high interest rates depress industry

Management Correspondent

term prospects have deterio-rated in the last month, according to the survey of trends issued by the Confedera-tion of British Industry today. Output is expected to dwindle to compensate for abnormally high stocks and sluggish demand. Companies' profitability and liquidity are under acute pressure from high interest rates and businessmen expect little relief from the Budget.

Stocks of finished goods have Stocks at finished goods have risen sharply in the last four weeks, despite the steel strike. Out of the 2,049 industrialists surveyed, 28 per cent reported that their stocks of finished goods were "more than adequate" in March, compared with 24 per section of the strike and with 24 per cent making the same assessment a month

The abnormal build-up of stocks in anticipation of the steel strike started in November. By December the percen-tage balance of manufacturers reporting higher levels had more than doubled to give an index reading of 15 compared with 7 in the preceding month.

The index remained stable until February, when it climbed to 16, and the latest survey shows a further jump to 18 points, which compares with a reading of only 2 for March last year. last year. A downward slide in volume of output has

of output has corresponded with the increase in stock levels. The percentage balance relating to volume of output has awang from plus 25 to minus 12 in the last year.

Looking shead to the next four weeks, 30 per cent of manufacturers expected a decline in output volume against

Manufacturing industry's short-term prospects have deterio-term prospects have deterio-with 51 per cent of manufacturers reporting that their total order books were below normal. In February the figure was 44

> Not surprisingly, the decline in orders is most apparent for companies in the metal manufacture" sector. Export orders, however, although they were below average, remained fairly steady.

There were big variations in the export fortunes of different industry sectors. The chemicals, coal and petroleum sectors reported relatively strong export demand while that for textiles

In a cautious introduction to the survey. CBI economists conclude that there has been a weakening of demand for British manufactured products

British manufactured products in the last month.

They add that "the impression of less strong world demand is supported by the movement of commodity prices which have weakened noticeably in the last month, possibly by more than can be explained by the rise in world interest rate." interest rates

Adding to the squeeze on company finances caused by high interest rates is the divergence between wholesale input and output price in-flation. Wholesale output Sistion. Wholesale output prices rose by only 184 per cent in the year to February while input prices increased by nearly 29 per cent.

Worsening prospects for an early fall in interest rates in the light of the latest banking figures have caused the CBI to revise upwards the £6,750m financial deficit it predicts for the industrial and commercial

Pre-Budget rush for consumer durables

Retailers were grateful but factors there seems definitely puzzled yesterday at what appears to be a jump in presuppears to be a jump of consumer
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They were puzzled because the Chancellor is not expected today to make any radical changes to value-added tax. Sales of spirits, wines and cigarettes, items on which the Chancellor has been widely expected to increase taxes, have fingly showed some sharp incresses over the past few days but the rush does not appear to have reached remarkable

roportions. The Comet Radiovision discount chain has seen sharp sales increases in consumer durables of every category in the past week and Mr Richard Peers. Comet's managing director, be-lieves that after allowing for inflation there has been at least a 15 per cent increase because

this but after allowing for our recent marketing push and other

part of Sears Holdings' depart ment store chain, reported household goods sales up but "nothing special" on durables, although returns from the John Lewis Partnership's department stores show marked increases. In the week ended March 15, the John Lewis stores saw radio and television sales increase by 35.9 per cent compared with

the same period last year
Speculation about the
Chancellor's likely increases on
duties for drinks and tobacco around El a bottle or more on spirits has been widely forecast and possibly 10p on a packet of 20 king-size cigarettes—has brought people to the shops this week. But Tesco Stores reported an increased demand but "not really a of pre-Budget buying.

He said: "Our actual seles increases have been far above popular buy."

demand but "not really a rush", with brandy as the most popular buy.

BNOC shares sale plan delayed until autumn

vate capital into the offshore interests of the state-owned British National Oil Corporation have been delayed at least until the autumn.

As a result the £700m that a share sale was averaged to

share sale was expected to raise will not be available to affect the 1980/81 Public Sector Borrowing Requirement, when it would have been of most value.

In a reply to a Parliamentary question yesterday, Mr. David Rowell, Secretary of State for Energy, said the Government intended to carry out its intended tion of bringing private capital into BNOC's North Sea operations, but in view of the full legislative rimetable it could not be done in the present

Legislation to introduce pri-session. Legislation would how-te capital into the offshore ever be introduced as soon as terests of the state-owned possible.

Mr Howell has fought a losing battle to find a way through the complexities of bringing in a Bill which would create a separate North Sea company in which shares could be offered in time for negotia tions to take place over the reassignment of participation agreements so that a share sale could be used to reduce the 1980/81 PSBR.

1980/81 PSBR.

It would have been possible to introduce a Bill to offer a London and Scortish Marine Oil-type loan stock which would have had a royalty element related to offshore production quickly, but this would not have reduced the PSBR figure.

NCB challenged over future of coal reserves

National Coal Board estimates that Britain has 300 years supply of coal have been challenged in a report published by The Royal Society.

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The report is a collection of evidence presented to the Commission on Energy and the Environment and concludes: "Serious doubts arise as to the justification for the National Coal Board estimate of 300 years supply of indigenous coal. By way of contrast the current operating reserves of 6,000 million tounes lying at depths of less than 4,000 feet will be exhausted not much beyond the turn of the century". turn of the century

The report does concede that there are known to be considerable quantities of coal at depths greater than 4,000 feet but that none of the methods being considered for extraction at these depths looks economically promising.

Import

controls

rejected

A firm rejection of the philosophy of import controls was made by Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Trade yesterday. In a politically oriented speech Mr Nott who

was addressing the Institute of

Directors annual convention in London reiterated the Govern-

ments' policy of non-interven-tion. He made it clear that re-

sponsibility for improved trade

would be left to industry.

He said it was businessmen more than Government who had direct courol over employ-

The message to the Government from business before the

last election was for it to leave

industrialists alont to run their

companies and this is what it

In enswer to a question

about high interest rates, and high exchange rates Mr Nort

high exchange rates Mr Nott said that businessmen might have to wait for some time for

With North Sea oil heading towards 3 to 4 per cent of gross domestic product an improvement would only come

when international interest rates fell. "It could be 18 months to two years before we begin to see a change", he

In reply to a qeustion asking

for more effective " anti dump-ing " measures for textiles, Mr

to come through the European Commission. Even for the

troubled textile industry there

was no way the Government

had tried to do.

Much of the controversy surrounding the fore-casts of reserves in the United Kingdom would be removed if the NCB and other bodies based their estimates only on common classifications and definitions, and if the data on which their estimates were based were made publicly available, the

According to the society, to attain an annual level of 170 million tonnes of production by the year 2000, as proposed by the NCB's Plan for Coal, poses problems of manpower and equipment.

As a consequence of a limited supply of man-power and equipment, the report concludes that an economy beyond the year 2000 in which coal played a major role, may best satisfy its energ needs by importing coal. This is based on the belief that a large increase in coal usage beyond 2000

would require large scale financial investment and a programme for training scientists, technologists and other skilled manpower

and other skilled manpower.

The Society is, however, in no doubt that these demands could not readily be met. It concludes:
"Large scale operations in Poland and elsewhere are already producing coal at a price, after transport to the United Kingdom comparable with, or changer than home mined coal."

cheaper than, home-mined coal ". There were problems for the environment over subsidence and the disposal of solid wastes and mine waters. A policy in which coal imports played a prominent part would help to relieve these

Other effects on the environment as a result of open cast mining, feature prominently in the report. It calls for more research at university level on the reclamation of spoil disposal sites.

US curbs overshadow Paris talks

Brussels, March 25

Senior officials from the treasuries and central banks of the world's 10 most prosperous countries, met in Paris today against a background of mount-ing concern that President Carter's counter-inflation package could usher in a deep recession to all Western countries

While it is generally recognized that the United States must get inflation under control, the very high American interest rates and a strong dollar orae forcing other wastern governments to step. Western governments to step-up greatly the stringency of their own domestic economic

officials fear that the main Western countries could find themselves in recession at roughly the same time in 1981. Moreover, the prospects for a subsequent economic recovery

are considered to be less bright than during the recession of 1975 because of a higher under-lying rate of inflation, reduced scope for increases in public spending, and less demand for the West's manufactured products from the Opec countries as a result of the revolution in

Today's meeting of the Group of Ten Deputies at the OECD beadquarters, was called to pre-pare a meeting of finance min-isters from the World's ten richest nations that will be held in Hamburg at the end of next month on the eve of the meet-ing of the interim committee

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Apart from electing Herr Manfred Lahustein, the State Secretary of the Bonn Finance Ministry, the chairman of the Deputies Group, today's meeting was not called to take decisions, but to carry out a general review of world economic and monetary affairs.

The Group of Ten deputies apparently concluded that there would be no immediate prob-lems in financing the oil-induced balance of payments deficits of the industrialized countries, although difficulties could arise in the longer term. Greater problems are expected in dealing with the payments deficits of the

developing world

White House optimism on inflation

From Frank Vogi Washington, March 25 A senior White House offi-cial today greeted a bleak new report on consumer prices with the assertion that "while the next few months may be bad, I believe the inflation rate has peaked in February".

Mr Robert Russell, director of the Council on Wage and Price Stability, added that "we won't see any further accelera-tion in the overall inflation rate". He predicted that infla-tion will decline by late this year to an annual rate of 10 to 12 per cent from a first balf year level of possibly as much as 18 per cent.

Bowring bid escapes Monopolies reference

Labour Department showing a 1.4 per cent seasonally adjusted gain in February in the con-sumer price index. This was the same rise as January and takes the annual rate, based on the past three months, to 17.2 per cent. Other labour department

economic committee of the Con-

figures show that real spendable earnings fell by 1.4 per cent last month and that they have declined by fully 7.3 per cent over the past 12 months. A critical factor in the level of inflation has been the sharp rise in mortgage rates, which has possibly added more than His comments to the joint 2 per cent to the consumer anti-inflation programme

price index annual rate in the past couple of months.

Some White House officials state privately that they are not as optimistic as Mr Russell and fear that the peak inflation level will not be reached until April or May.

The recognition of sharply rising inflation and interest

rates and the realization that the United States may be heading for a recession has depressed Wall Street.

Stock prices fell dramatically

yesterday and even though there was some recovery early today and Dow Jones index has fallen by over 40 points since President Carter announced his

Ninian helps Lasmo to £23m profit

Oil, which took over Oil Exploration last November and ploration last November and secured its place as Britain's fourth biggest oil company, yesterday announced a swing from losses of £10.73m pre-tax (including Exploration) in 1978 to profits of £23.44m last year. The turnround—to a figure slightly higher than forecast last November—is very largely hecause the Ninian field in the North Sea, in which Lasmo has

North Sea, in which Lasmo has a 7.79 per cent interest, is now producing oil. With total revenues last year

with total revenues last year up from a comparable £4.98m to £63.39m, Lasmo has now started to repay the loans incurred to finance the huga development costs of Ninian estimated at f139m so far. Early repayment of £8.8m of unsecured bank loans brought bank borrowings down to £48.7m at the end of December. The group is continuing to spend on the other oil exploration ventures—in the North Sea, the Philippines and Sharjah—which it acquired with Oil Exploration. In all, capital spending amounted to £30,5m last year, of which £24.7m was attributable to Sinian.

After a tax charge reduced by a change in the method of apportioning petroleum revenue tax, Lasmo produced a surplus of £8.69m in 1979 against a deficit of £11.58m in

against a deficit of £11.580 in
the preceding year. The surplus
has been applied in reducing
the accumulated deficit on
shareholders' funds.

Lasmo is expected to start
paying dividends on its ordinpaying dividends of the Oil Production Stock issued in 1976 as a "sweetener" to an issue of loan stock to finance the exploration programme, received 11.83p (net) per unit Financial Editor, page 23

finance group and Singer & Friedlander merchant bank, has lost a possibly crucied round in its long-running battle to avoid falling under American control. Immediate stock market reaction was to lift Bowring's shares 10p to 143p yesterday.

Mr John Nott: boycotting overpriced' French wine.

would renegoriate the multi-fibre agreement, which limited

imports, until its next expiry

The type of import controls recommended by Cambridge University Industrial Society would be disastrous. They would oblige Britain to leave

the EEC and result in higher

demand as well as causing retaliation from export markets.

Mr Nott who has a farm in Cornwal Isaid he was running his own personal boycott of

French wine in retaliation to the French attitude to British

lamb. "I will not drink their

liquor while they won't take my

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lamb", e told delegates.

Lurope presses fibres case

By John Ruxley Man-made fibre producers

The Commission is anxious to avoid causing a further deterioration in trade relations with the United States. Wash ington trade officials are already seeking compensation of \$55m (about £25m) for controls aimed at limiting synthetic

Anti-dumping action against European and Japanese steel producers is also being considered by the United States.

M Jean-Louis Jouver, director general of the Comité Internationale de la Rayonne et du Ribre Synthétique (CIRFS), said in Paris yesterday that he was confident temporary, countervailing duties would be imposed on American polyester filament yarn within the next

By Richard Allen This is still about 16p below the value of Marsh's cash and share bid for the ordinary capital and against a Monopodies Commission reference for the controversial \$235m takeover bid for Marsh's Marsh & McLennan is still This is still about 16p below the could be deflected as a result of President Carter's antishare since the American group first announced its offer. Although Bowring pur forward several strong reasons that it felt the United States ward several strong reasons that it felt the United States bid should be blocked in its

C. T. Bowring by Marsh & McLennan, the American inawairing clearance to make a formal offer from the Securities Exchange Commission, while the American Justice De-The decision means that Bowring, whose interests also in-clude the Bowmsker credit

partment is understood to be considering possible anti-trust implications However, there is no doubt that the American group saw the possibility of a Monopolies Commission reference as the greatest obstacle to its takeover ambitions. Marsh bas dis-counted suggestions that the bid

day that he was "intensely disappointed" by Mr Nott's decision. He added: "We still believe we have good reasons for defending ourselves against this bid and we are increasingly concerned that the present price offered is inadequate ".

He said that despite some strengthening in the value of the dollar a drop in Marsh's own share price had reduced the value of the cash and

submissions to the Office of Fair Trading, it is understood that there was little support for the group's case from other parties including rival British insurance brokers. It is understood that in

recommending no action by Mr Nott, the OFT had been swayed by the fact that Bowring had been openly considering pooling its insurance interests with Marsh before a rift in discus-

surance brokers.

will meet European Commission officials later this week to put their case for anti-dumping action to be taken against chesp American imports.

8p off in cut price petrol war

A petrol price war has broken

out in the north of England. Independent garages not tied to the multinational oil companies are offering out price petrol at up to 8p lower than the average price in the south.

The main petrol companies in the United Kingdom, Esso. Shell, BP and Mobil, are beginning to feel the pinch, industry sources say, and if price cut-ting continues a return to the price support system of 197728 when the multinationals subsidized their retailers is a possibility.

But the slight glut of products on the marker is not expected to be nearly as severe as it was two years ago and could prove a very temprary phenmenn.

Even s, the easy availability supplies and the cut price deals being offered by some refiners in the United Kingdom, coupled with the fall in day to day profit margins on the Rotter-dam oil market, have created a supplied to the coupled to the co markedly different situation to that of six months ago.

The drive to a reduction in prices, with some petrol stations selling four star for as low as 114p a gallon compared to an average 121p in the south, has

bypermarkets to use petrol as a loss leader to attract more At the same time petrol sales

have risen by 10 per cent dur-ing the first two months, but a fall in the overall sales of petroleum products of 13 per cent has kept supplies flowing

The price cutting in the north is thought unlikely to spread southwards. It is influenced by the proximity of refineries and the easy access of shipments from the Rotterdam market with the willing-ness of the smaller United Kingdom majors to compete for

Professor details plans to help state industries

ture and relationships of Britain's nationalized industries

Professor Heath, who is professor of economics at the London Business School said that attempts to increase the level of private sector partici-pation would only work if the behaviour of Governments changed fundamentally to-wards public enterprises. "The priolem is how best to achieve that change. My doubt is whether 51 per cent owner-ship would do it on a lasting basis. Minority ownership has a marginally bester chance."

One possibility would be for

within the framework of strate-gies approved by a sponsoring

through the National Loans Fund or more Experience external financing requirements would be concentrated in a business-based part of the Treasury instead of being dispersed among several depart-

Professor Heath said that Governments should abandon attempts to impose financial targets and allow or perhaps require that public corporations should determine their own targets in the light of the government policies and business circumstances. The current array of controls suggested

Peter Hill

been helped by the tendency of

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Interim Statement for the six months ended 31st December, 1979	1979 &	1978 £
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Our shipping and freight interests have had a very busy half year, as will be seen from the enlarged turnover. This has also been reflected, of course, in the division's profits. The increased. level of activity appears to be continuing.

Retained Profit

It will be noted that furniture hire turnover has also increased and normally this would have resulted in higher profits but, during the period in which I am reporting, Medminster mounted two major promotions, mainly concerned with the creation of the two new divisions, Camden Furniture Hire in London and Freight Agencies Macpak in Liverpool,

19th March, 1980

and the cost of these promotions has been

£21,570

charged in the period. In the last half year, furniture hire turnover for films and amateur theatres was somewhat down but this was more than contpensated for by the other activities of our furniture hire division, i.e. conferences, sports tournaments, conventions, exhibitions,

television, etc. We continue to invest in all classes and types of furniture and furnishings, and in a period of high inflation our stock is a valuable

> JOHN DELANEY Chairman

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PRICE CHANGES

Putting on a new public face

with the Government were ing operations so that they were urged last night by Professor more in line with private sector John Heath when he presented practice. the second annual lecture to the Nationalized Industries Chairmen's Group.

financing, organizational struc- improve the performance of the state sector were simplified investment approval and financ-

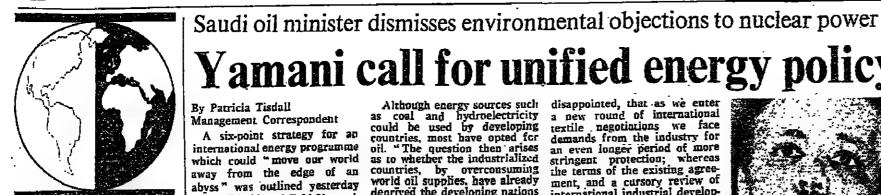
the Treasury to set up a merchant bank division which would supply loan packages to meet the individual needs of public enterprises, Professor HRearn said. As long as such proposals fell

minister and did not involve government subsidies, there would be no reason why com-mercial criteria should not Treasury merchant

bank could receive its annual

ments", he said.

that the Government did not trust public enterprises.



Former bank chairman on £51,000 bail

Signor Giordano Dell'amore, former chairman of Italy's big-gest savings bank, the Cassa di Risparmio delle Province Lombarde (Cariplo), was yesterday released on bail of 100m lire (£51.000).

source.

shortfalls arising from dwindl-

ing oil stocks was, he implied,

less than the hazards associated

with the removal or at least the

mitigation of constraints on the development of nuclear fuel.

"Although such a move can

be a bit hazardous, it does not

mine world civilization", he

"Decisions must be taken now by the leading industrial-ized countries aimed at the in-

tensification of a host of energy sources which occur in abun-

dance and whose prospects look quite promising."

In addition to developing

energy sources other than oil, the minister's programme in-

voiced greater energy conserva-tion by industrial countries and

technical and financial help to

resources in energy-

Signor Dell'amore, who is 78 and in delicate health, was one of 40 bankers and industrialists arrested in March 4 in connexion with the embezzlement scandal at Italcasse, the central institute of savings banks.

GM move abroad

General Motors is considering setting up parts manufacturing plants in Peru and Yugoslavia, according to an American trade publication. General Motors would not comment.

Short time at Seat

Seat, the Spanish car manufacturer, faced with falling domestic sales and rising stocks, has asked for government per-mission to put most of its 31,000 workforce on short-time.

Honda venture

Honda is to produce general-purpose engines in Yugoslavia in a S4m (£1.84m) joint venture with a Yugoslav agricultural equipment producer, making it the first Japanese car maker to operate in an East European

Oilfield shown off

China showed its newest oil-field at Rengiu in Hebel province 94 miles south of Peking to foreigners for the first time yesterday. The field was first developed in 1975.

Du Pont patent claim - Du Pont has filed a 100m yen

(£185,000) claim for damages against Nippon Gakki, a Japanese manufacturer of housing equipment which has allegedly violated a patent pro-teering. Du Poer's building material us d to make countertops and bathroom walls.

German prices up

The West German import prices index rose 1.5 per cent in February to 190.5. Base 1970. This was a 24.3 per cent rise on the previous year and follows a 26.6 per cent rise in January over January, 1979.

Yamani call for unified energy policy Management Correspondent A six-point strategy for an countries, most have opted for oil. "The question then arises international energy programme as to whether the industrialized which could "move our world

countries, by overconsuming world oil supplies, have already deprived the developing nations of their fair share", he said. by Shaikh Abmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi Arabian minister for He blamed world media for petroleum and mineral renot contributing constructively towards informing the public of the true situation. "The Shaikh Yamani, who was a salient features of energy should be stressed as a whole, with special reference to the relative scarcity of oil; the

guest speaker at the Institute of Directors annual convention in London, criticized western business and political leaders for urgent need to limit its use to hesitation and indecision about sectors where existing technology limits the use of an alternative, and the necessity to finding an alternative energy aaccelerate the efficiency of oil-use even in these sectors", he In a clear reference to nuclear power, he urged the removal of environmental con-Unless we put these proposals straints. The danger of energy

into practice, the world must prepare to face "recurrent events similar to those that came about in the course of 1979, but with increasingly severe consequences with each repetition." Referring to events in Iran he said that "the elements of erratic behaviour presage a disaster, as commonly claimed. Impending energy shortfalls on the other hand would bring about a world catastrophe which could underand unpredictable actions in this world have, over the last few years, proliferated to such an extent as to render the pre-

vailing problems possibly in-soluble. These elements pose such a grave problem that they could probably jeopardize the structure of the world energy trade.3 He said that protectionist moves could be dangerous and the Community would try to provide countervailing argu-

ments. "The Community still has more to lose than to gain from generalized protection and we have to find an alternative solution to industrial adjustment," he said. ment message to the shop

Although energy sources such disappointed, that as we enter as coal and hydroelectricity a new round of international could be used by developing textile negotiations we face demands from the industry for an even longer period of more stringent protection; whereas ment, and a cursory review of international industrial development would have convinced most people, five years ago, that this would not be a tenable

position today." Wealth would only be created if management inspired trust in the workforce, Sir Hector Laing. chairman of United Biscuits said. If ftar of redundancy could not be allayed thetre would be huge resistance to the techno-logical changes which British industry would have to make if it were tto survive.

As well as increasing security and encouraging employees to take a financial stake in their company, Sir Hector advo-cated positive steps in break-ing down divisions between wage and salary earners. The aim would be to introduce a single status in industry.

"If we are to reap full benefit from the wealth-creating potential of new technologies we will need to formulate and put into practice human relations policies which are as revolutionary as the technology" he

He stressed the importance of leadership, and urged the selec-tion and appointment of managers for character and personality as well as for technical ability.

"Junior managers in industry have too often been inade-quately trained and, what is worse, too offen by passed by more senior management going over their heads to union representatives, and using the union communication channel in a vain attempt to get a manage-



Shaikh Ahmed Zali Yamani





Sir Hector Laing:

Tight economic policies harmful, survey says

From Alan McGregor Geneva, March 25

develop resour deprived areas.

A warning that the expected economic slowdown may be sharper and more protracted than foreseen if governments stick to generalized and persistently restrictive policies is given in the annual survey by tuhe United Notions Economic

Commission for Europe (ECE).

Describing the latest round of oil price increases as "the most imoprizant single factor in the faltering climate and worsening expectations", the survey says the experience of 1974-75 provided a lesson in the harmful effects of stop-go policies on inflation and growth.

been the success recorded by average consumer price inflamost west European economies in their anti-inflation measures. though the cost paid in terms of employment, output and productivity growth has been

An average growth rate of 9 per cent is forecast for the industrialized countries covered by the survey. The only buoyant markets are likely be in the oil-exporting countries will again probably accrue to the larger west European economies as well as Switzerland, the United States. and Japan. Japan has substanimproved its price competitiveness. The survey says the patteru

of inflation will depend a great deal on wages rates and how oil prices rise. It puts the

tion in western Europe this year at about 10 per cent, compared with 7.7 per cent in 1979. The EEC economists under-line that the pattern of interna-

ional inflation represents something new in the post-war period namely widely and persistently diverging national rates of inflation. They see the ensuing ex-

change rate adjustments as an important lin in this inflationary process and state that much present economic policy efforts consist of bringing about a convergence of these rates. The legacy of inflation in

various countries will be bard to shed in a world exposed to successive inflationary im-pulses, the survey says. Whila the world economy has become

tion has not kept step with this derelopment.

The survey also emphasizes that the latest oil price in-creases may have disruptive effects on the international monetary system. It argues that, although recycling the surplus of the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries (Opec) has functioned fairly well since 1973, it will become much more difficult to place increases in those revenues so that the alternative of keeping the oil in the ground is not more profitable for producers.

Private financial circuits may not be robust enough to handle a new wave of petro-dollars and coordination international seems urgently needed.

UK urged to hold lead in Prestel and teletext

Technology Editor

Britain must not allow its technology to be eroded, Mr David Mitchell, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Industry, said last night.

In a speech prepared for delivery at a preview of the Viewdata 'SO conference at Wembley Conference Centre, Mr Mitchell said: "In the use and application of Prestel and teletext we are leading the world: however we must not be complacent. Our margin is narrow-one or two years at the most.

Government industry, the Post Office, BBC and ITV must all do their utmost to ensure that we maximize our own commercial benefit from this invention and that we do not, as has nappened with some other inventions, sllow our lead to be eroded and for others to profit from our inposertion? From our innovation."

Prestel is the Post Office's viewdata service which enables pages of information to be called up via the telephone net-

work and displayed on a tele-vision screen. Teletext is the generic name for the broadcast services—the BBC's Ceefax and ITV's Oracle—which similarly provide pages of information on the television screen. Mr Mitchell announced that the Department of Industry was

developing an experimental internal viewdata system which would have access also to the external Prestel service.

"The system will comprise up to 30 to 40 terminals accessing specially designed databases containing information of per-ticular departmental interest." Mr Mitcehll said. "A number of large United Kingdom com-

panies have already shown considerable interest in this inter-

nal system which, we hope, will give a stimulus to the use of viewdata in the business environment." On the related technology of teletext Mr Mitchell said: "We are the only country with a fully operational national broadcast teletext system. Over 200,000 people are now using reletext as a regular feature of their lives and this number is

"We are already on the way to a new generation of enhanced teletext which will birng the information era into the homes of millions of ordinary citizens. Many countries have decided to join us in exploring the full potential of enhanced teletext.

ncreasing day by day.

Prestel was "a British tech-nological first" of great bene-fit to domestic and business users alike, Mr Mitchell said, and those benefits were already coming through in many areas. Prestel had already stimulated a wide range of research and development work on viewdata systems generally.

progressively more integrated. international economic coopera-

consistently proved to carry macceptable side-effects resulting in premature reversals of approach. Similarly, monetarism has been shown to be far more effective in a strong than in a

weak economy.

The virtue of statutory import coutrols is that a major constraint within the economy can be held in check, thus allowing the freedom for the government to pursue policies which would otherwise have produced an unacceptable balance of payments deficit. It is for this reason that a period of import restraint might benefit the United Kinzdom economy even in the unlikely case of significant reprisals by our trading partners.

economy is not necessarily schieved by avoiding unpopular actions. Both countries have

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Value of import controls

Profits 'distorted

by inflation'

From Mr D. P. Conibear

From Mr R. T. Taylor

Sir, Alan Clark is to be congranulated on his well reasoned exposition of the case for protectionism (March 7). It is hoped that he has succeeded in reviving interest in this cur-rently unfashionable strategy.

What one finds hard to accept is the inevitability which economists attribute to the continuing decline of British industry and of the United Kingdom share of world trade. We should cease to sift through our economic and political history for the causes of the decline which we have undoubtedly suffered and instead take measures to reverse it. In the short term this means

restoring economic growth, improving the balance of payments, reducing the PSBR, increasing business confidence, and fostering better industrial relations. In my opinion the United Kingdom economy is not strong enough to achieve these objectives without statutory measures to restrict the volume of imports.

Postwar fiscal strategies have weak economy.

Japan and France have both demonstrated that a successful

been prepared to give statutory Budget when support to a prevailing pro-tectionist attitude. tents.

Obviously, some methods of if not unwise is import restraint, such as non-selective tariff surcharges, are more likely than others to provoke retaliation. In this convolumes. I soggest that for those products/industries which those products/andustries which have suffered an excessive degree of import penetration, the rate of VAT input tax be increased to (say) 25 per cent, but only on goods brought in from abroad. At the same time VAT on imported goods should become payable in cash to HM Customs before the goods are released from port rather than released from port, rather than the input tax being a bookkeeping offset against output tax. (This demand for immediate payment by the importer already applies to many Euro-pean countries and has the effect of an import deposit

scheme). The importer who has suf-fered the surcharged rate of input tax would be permitted to charge only the standard rate of output tax and would consequently be obliged to raise his prices to cover the differential. It would not be difficult for the government to manipulate the surcharge rates. manipulate the surcharge rates to meet requirements. The effect of this policy would be an increase in the revenue of the Exchequer with a once and for all timing benefit and 3 reduction in the price competi-tiveness of imported goods.

The increased Exchequer

revenue could be passed on to industry in the form of a reduction in the rate of corporation tax. United Kingdom industry would be encouraged once more to build on a sound home mar

Yours faithfully, D. P. CONIBEAR, 246 Ojora Closa, Victoria Island,

EEC bargaining counter

From Mr Andrew Stuttaford If there is no increase in these Sir, It has been extremely in-teresting to read press reports over here portraying Mr: Thatcher and her team as lec-ter day Oliver Twists fruit-lessly wandering around ter day Oliver Twists fruit-lessly wandering around Europe searching for a little gruel. Certainly it would seem that any plea based on fair play or a "just return" is un-likely to succeed. However, the hand currently holding out the begging bowl could soon be in position to

sharo slao. The ever increasing cost of the common agriculture policy means that the Community's "own resources", the money it receives "as of right", will prove insufficient by 1981/82.

own resources the EEC will be put in a very difficult financial position. The consent of all the position. The consent of all the member states is needed before the own resources can be increased. This requirement of unanimity could well give Mrs. Thatcher the bargaining counter that she needs in dealing with our European partners and I think that it is fair to say that they will pay far more attention to this than to any spaced for fairness. Yours faithfully, ANDREW STUTTAFORD,

Institut d'Etudes Europeennes. Avenue F-D Roosevelt 39, 1050 Brussels, Merch 13.

Fast reactors

From Mr C. W. Blumfield Sir, In Business Diary of March 14 there were comments March 14 there were comments about nuclear power and the fast reactor. It appears that the fast reactor is being given a reputation at does not deserve. First, it does not produce immense amounts of plotonium. In fact existing the produce of colleges reports extending the colleges reports of colleges reports and the col types of nuclear power stations produce more plutonium per-unit of electricity generated than will fast reactors.

Second, fast reactors can be adjusted from year to year to cover the range of production ween the limited amount of plutonium in excess of that burnt and no plutonium pro-duction at all. In this respect they have the virtue of being

Satisfied owner of a British car

the £1,000 and bought a brand new red MGB-GT.

Last night the milage clock returned to nought—100,000 miles having been covered. During the 91 YEARS I have had the car I have never had a puncture, a new clutch or a new gear box; in fact, apart from one night on the Hogs Back when my alternator failed, I

able to control plutonium stocks far beyond the capability of present day reactors.
Incidentally, the Secretary of State for Energy who is responsible for the nuclear

research programme used our charter plane to visit Doon-reay. All the owners of the other VIP fleet mentioned made their own arrangements to get here. C. W. BLUMFELD, Director,

Dounreay Nuclear Power Development Establishment, United Kingdom Aco Energy Authority. Downeay, Thurso, Casthness

From Miss M. Roseanne have had no other breakdown.

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Sir, During 1970 an aunt of mine died leaving me £1,000
"to do something that I really would enjoy". I added £10 to the £1,000 and bought a brand the £1,000 and bought a brand be able to afford another car it will certainly he Reicish and I will certainly be British and I hope that every person who works in British Leyland will read this letter. ROSEANNE O'REILLY. The Old Nursery. Stockton House. Warminster. Wiltshire. March 17.

Lack of a national energy pol

From Mr William Morris Sir, Since 1973 Britain, we are led to believe, has become in-

creasingly energy conscious. Regular exhortations from the nationalized industries to "Save it" and the increasing costs of heating home and factory, with the rising costs of travelling between them, cannot fail to emphasize energy awareness.
However, while recently researching into Britain's current
energy policy, I discovered that the Government does not seem to share the same awareness.
Following the problems I encountered in finding any
printed material on the Government's energy policy, my tutor advised me to telephone the Department of Energy where I spoke to a very helpful senior "boffin" in the Energy Policy Division of the Department of

His answers to my questions were perhaps more revealing than intended. I asked first whether the Government actually had an overall energy strategy. There was an embar-rassed pause and there rassed pause and then he replied "No". A little sur-prised, I asked whether a policy was being prepared—would we see a Green or White Paper soon? After an even more preg-nant pause, the "boffin" admit-ted: "I am not sure but I don't think so: the Compression has think so; the Government has been in office ten months and a policy has 'emerged'".

" Is the Government's energy policy simply an extension of its monetarist philosophy?" I asked and now a little more confidently be replied: "Yesthe Government places great reliance upon the workings of the price mechanisms within the economy ".

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energy policy, and the Energy Policy time to render he to inquiring, thou tive, under Yours faithfully, WILLIAM MORRI (Third year geogra-undergraduate). Department of Geo University Gollege Singleton Park,

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Lasmo's Ninian build-up

its of their venture into the highi of independent oil exploration: the looks of the 1979 results they e long in coming. The figures are ther better than those forecast last , at the time of the bid for Oil on, with 1978s £10.73m loss (on a le basis) transformed into a profit n above the line, and a change in d of calculating petroleum revenue h cut the charge by £3.5m) helping e a net surplus of £8.69m.

moment this is just being applied ig the accumulated deficit on share-unds (now down to £17.61m), but an's output still rising, and contri-rom Hewett and Bates oil in the he Oil Ex acquisition, this year will efficit wiped out and dividend pay-

of the Oil Production Stock which sued in 1976 as a sweetner to its nt imsecured loan stock issue are e benefitting from the Ninian aiready: after an 11.82p net payunit at the interim stage, they are ceive another 30.98p per unit net

position has effectively been ied over the past tyear—and not inancial position, though thanks to syment, borrowings were down to t the end of December, despite ending of £30.5m during the year. important in the short-term: but ifficant in the long run is the fact 10 has, with the acquisition of Oil on, secured itself a future after ns out. The success of the drilling ne in the North Seas, the Philipd Sharjah—is likely to be more for the shares (off 3p to 440p on ding yesterday) than the dividend but the immediate prospect of a eturn will not do them any harm.

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or not noted for dramatic gestures, Law caused a ripple of excitement when it pushed up its dividend ar cent at the kross level. That set the market wondering about similarly generous dividend vill emerge from the life assurance Prudential and Legal & General,

y publish results today. Equity & Law's dividend is d by earnings up from 3.6p to share; it is able to do this by lown unappropriated surplus cash. bylously a once-off exercise which

y feels justified in doing given the lividend restraint and the fact that little point in retaining substantial has implications for dividends u. few years. They should continue

longside the pattern of controlled hich Equity & Law can foresee but earnings now have to catch up. short-term it could help the shares, ding nearly 8 per cent with the 198p and thus about 11 points above or average. A share, then, that a good way into a sector which de the recession with equanimity more than can be said for many

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f all the usual troubles now gnawat United Kingdom manufacturing lity-high interest rates, sterling's and slack demand-Reckitt & has been hit by particular diffia its North American operations, combination of the two pushed pre-

ers in Lasmo ere not yet reaping tax profits down from £61.3m to £51m last

North American profits slumped from £7.8m to only £1.4m chiefly due to excess capacity in potato processing with the performance of the mainstream food retailing side good apart from last year's Morton

Elsewhere in North America the Sunset leisure division made up its first half setback although heavy losses in a part of Winsor & Newton offset this. But Reckitt has shown a welcome ability to chop out the lossmakers and profits should recover sharply in 1980.

The other problem area was Brazil where price controls and inflation halved profits to £2m. Otherwise it was largely a matter of swings and roundabouts geographically. But for a group earning four-fifths of its profits overseas, Reckitt has been bufferted by the strength of sterling with squeezed export margins trimming £11m from profits and the conversion of overseas profits another £7m with strong showings in Australia and New Zealand in local currency terms virtually disappearing.

After exchange movements on current order operations. This, it is assets of £7m and £5.2m of closure costs in feared, would bring much North America, retentions slumped from profitable activity to a half. North America, retentions slumped from tions and the cash outflow—with a £48m capital spending programme—rose £111m to £73m. The £26m rise in borrowings pushed interest charges up from £4.8m to £8.5m although the still strong balance sheet with gearing only up from 29 to 37 per cent does not point to any immediate need for its first ever rights issue, especially with the way working capital has been kept under control.

Faced with another cash outflow this year, the tighter financial position over the last couple of years must have been a factor behind Reckitt's decision to scale down its pharmaceutical ambitions, and it is now not planning to move more deeply into the

Seling on eight times fully texed earnings, which are unlikely to show underlying growth of much more than a tenth this year, and yielding 7.1 per cent at 172p, with the dividend also growing more slowly after last year's exceptional 41 per cent in the gross to 12.1p only just covered by curent cost earnings, the shares have well and truly lost their glamour rating as the Beecham of the 1980s and are likely to move in line with sterling where only a small decline would put the group back on its growth tack.

United Newspapers

Still trading strongly

Recessionary fears and talk of a fall in overall advertising revenues of as much as 5 per cent this year has cast a shadow over the newspaper industry and provincial groups (who rely heavily on job advertising) in particular after three years of burgeoning

But whether or not United Newspapers 19 per cent profits jump to £8.2m for the full-year represents the peak of a cycle, the

group is not pessimistic.

A 54 per cent increase in total net dividends to a level still 2.6 times covered, the promise of a one-for-one scrip, and news that results so far this year are well ahead of last, were enough for the market to lift the shares 12p to 405p.

Advertising revenues advanced 24 cent last year with volume rising 10 per cent and United claims that so far at least there have been no signs of a significant fall

The shares now yield of 8.5 per cent and are on fully-taxed p/e ratio of around 7 and look solid enough with the only real doubts centring on the long-term challenge from local radio and other incursions into news papers' traditional markets. Bolstered by cash of £6,7m-almost £1 a share—the group should be able to keep profits around the £8m mark this year unless there is a really dramatic shakeout in advertising or the current dispute with the National Graphical

Data bank legislation in foreign countries could hurt UK industry. Rory Johnston reports

Do computers really threaten our privacy?

national frontiers being barriers to the passage of people and goods, but traditionally information has flowed across them uncommunist world. There are signs that this is about to change. hindered, at least in the non-

International companies in particular are very worried that their communications, and hence their ability to do business, will be severely ham-pered as restrictions are imposed by various countries on what is becoming known as "transborder data flow".

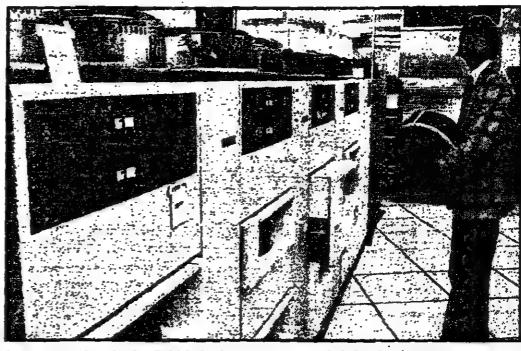
Concern over personal- priracy is the reason cited most often by government for con-trolling transborder data flow. laws are being imposed in several countries on the opera-tion of computer data banks. In order to prevent evasion of controls these laws must include restrictions on the sendbig of data to other countries where there are no such laws—the so-called "data havens".

Britain is one of the latter, and British businessmen are becoming worried that foreign governments may cut off such vital flows of information from overseas subsidiaries and trading pertners as personal files, payroll accounts, information on orders from private customers and address lists for mail order, appreciate. This is it

profitable activity to a halt.

What can we do? The answer, put forward by several pressure groups and trade associations, is that we should pass laws to control data banks. But, would such legislation in fact effectively protect personal privacy? It could be a colossal and expensive bureaucratic intrusion into the activities of both companies and individuals. It companies and individuals. It would be absurd for us to pass furile and unnecessary laws just because other countries mis-guidedly thought them a good-

The argument over "data protection" has been going on for more than a decade. The "privacy lobby "claims that the accumulation in computers of large amounts of information about individuals is a threat to the privacy of those concerned, and that such information would enable governments and



A computer data bank: British bosin cut off vital flows of information.

large corporations to infringe people's rights.

How exactly they would do this is not specified, but con-cern over the matter has been strong enough to induce several countries to bring in legislation. In West Germany, a data ombudsman has been appointed to oversee the implementation of the law, and in Sweden, France, Austria and Norway, the individual is given the legal right to see information held about him and change it if he decimal.

dom legislation was put forward by Sir Norman Lindop's Data by Sh Norman Librory Bata Protection Committee in Decem-ber 1978 and it has been gather-ing dust in the Home Office ever since. Under the Lindop propussals, a Data Protection Authority (DPA) would be set up which would maintain a register of data bank opera-tions—including those of cen-tral and local government—and would lay down codes of prac-

The DPA would act as its own enforcement agency and would have powers to enter premises and bring prosecutions. But growing body of opinion both inside and outside the computer industry thinks not.

There is a shortage of hard evidence that computers are evidence that computers are causing an invasion of privacy. The Lindop committee, the Younger committee before it, and the United States Privacy Study Commission were all unable to find any significant examples, despite years of investigation. In instances quoted by others, it usually turns out that the computer is not the real culprit, and that not the real culprit, and that such wrongs as there are can dealt with under existing

At a conference of local authorities on the subject of data protection one computer manager said: "We are in dan-ger of legislating against witch-

Certainly much of the public's fear of computers stems from an exaggerated idea of what they can do. The notion of one fage nationwide data bank containing everyone's per-sonal details is intriguing but

does the notion of trying to in reality not a practical pro-control computer data by legis-position. The automatic correla-lation make sense at all? A tion of data from different

sources is much more difficult than people imagine.

Even if controls were necessary or desirable, they still could not achieve what they set out to do. At a computer industry, lobby presentation, to dustry lobby presentation to MPs at Westminster recently the data processing manager of a large international concern commented: I use a computer renvork with access points in 26 countries including a public call box in Peru. How can any call box in Peru. How can any
Data Protection Authority hope
to find out what I am doing
with my data, where?"
It is broadly agreed, even by
Sir Norman Lindop, that anyone who is determined to bide

data in a computer system will succeed. As for cross-border controls, miniaturization and other technical developments are making data emuggling an easy proposition.

Even among supporters of the principle of data protection laws, there is serious doubt about the efficacy of the Lin-dop proposals. One speaker at the Westminster meeting was worried about how one could

tell winch of the plethora of codes of practice one must shide by. Mr Ken Potts, chief executive of Leeds City Council and a member of the Lindop committee, has expressed serious reservations about the fact that the DPA would be yet. another quango and that it was not at all clear how it would

choose to exercise its power. . No two people define privacy No two people define privacy in the same way, nor are two countries' definitions the same either. The laws which have been enacted vary widely in their provisions, and this is another reason why the free flow of information internationally could be restricted.

At present, three different international bodies, the Coun-cil of Europe, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the EEC, are trying to work out how to harmonize different national laws. Several countries are mem-bers of all three bodies, so

which harmonization scheme should they follow? Who will harmonize the harmonizers? The OECD's efforts have fallen into disarray for the time being and the Council of Europe has no power other than persuasion, but the EEC may eventually my to force data protection laws on its members.

The situation is further complicated by the fact that some governments are interested in cross-border data controls for reasons other than privacy—for instance, economic protection for its own data processing industry, or a desire to manipulate news and other information for political purposes.

What is Britain to do? Can we hope to persuade our neighbours that their wellmeaning efforts are misguided? Or will the confusion simply continue until their errors become self-evident?

certainly the Government shows no signs of action. Whether this is because it agrees with the opponents of legislation or simply has had more pressing things to think about is not clear. Perhans this is just as well. For all the remifications of these issues to be adequately sired in Parliament. adequately aired in Parliament could take a great deel of time.

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Tony Emerson

Argentina's motor industry savaged by competition early 1970s were made by Plants may choose which com-suppliers to the car industry, ponents to import, but the nor that some of their former maximum proportion in cars is

launched without a minimum

In just over a year Argentina's motor industry has undergone major changes. General motors and Citroen have ceased production. Chrysler and the small state-owned company. IME, have sold out to Volkswagen. Fiat and Peugeot have merged. Vehicle imports, effectively prohibited since 1961, were permitted again last year and

importers have already captured 7.5 per cent of the domestic

From a record of 22 vehicle manufacturers in 1960 there now remain only four-Ford, Renault, Fiat/Peugeor and ikswagen. Purely commercial wehicles are also made by Mercedes-Benz, Scania and Deutz. The big shakeout was forestindowed by the decision

of General Motors in late 1978 to cease production. The American car giant had seen its share of the Argentinian parket dropping year by year. Reaction to these events is varied. Supporters of Dr. Martines de Hos, the economics minister, welcome them in the sme of rationalization. Those who see Argentina's future as a power-house of heavy industry—they call themselves Desarrolistas (Developmentists) —attack the government for policies of deindustrialization

Since 1964 more than four million motor vehicles have been built in Argentina. Last

d selling out to foreign

year the figure was 253,000, putting the country in the same bracket as Belgium, Yugoslavia and East Germany. There are seven Argentines for each motor vehicle in the country, compared with a proportion of 3! to 1 in Britain.

.The country has become increatingly dependent on motor vehicles for its general trans-port. Two vehicles in every seven are commercial ones (compared with one in in Britain), 80 per cent of farepaying passengers travel by bus and, despite Argentina's cereal production, lorries carry seven times more goods than the

By 1970 the Argentine car industry had sorted itself out behind protective barriers into ten finishing plants and rather more than a thousand suppliers and component manufacturers. to open it up to compension but in fact the most remarkable component manufacturers.

Legislation in 1971 not only communed to prohibit car imports, but forbade the import of any component, unless the local component manufacturer had told the government that they could not produce it and had no objection to the imports. The law limited the total value of imported components (which were subject to a heavy duty) to 4 per cent of the value of the selicit. New models could not be

launched without a minimum number of the replaced model having been produced. This measure was supported by an important section of the army whose industrial empire. Febricacines Militares, had got control of much of the iron and sieel industry and was producing steel (as it does today) with outdated technology at a price well above the international one.

Argentine nature to compete by price cutting and certain questionable means of discour-aging such unArgentine behaviour succeeded in raising the profit margins of component manufacturers to anything between 200 and 800 per cent. When Ford attempted to

counter this trend by buying the axie manufacturer, Transax, propaganda campaign, in which the component manufacturers joined Ford and Transax executives were then singled out by terrorists in a wave of kidnapping and exsussination. No other fluisking plant thereafter

tried to buy a component manu-

suppliers to the car industry, nor that some of their former leading lights are living in exile with criminal charges pending against them.

By 1977 Argentine cars were costing more than twice the price of their foreign equiyations, their designs had been industry. Firms

frozen to those of the sixties . and, of the price which the purchaser paid, the finishing plant saw less than 20 per cent. in all fairness they were also toucher and more solid than equivalent models in the

When the liberalizing team of Dr Martinez de Hoz took over the country's economic policy, a change in the law was inevitable. But vested interests, including military ones, delayed and modified the new legislation until a watered down ver-sion was finally passed, in January, 1979. Under this law new cars may

be imported, but bear a 95 per cent duty on their price. This duty will be reduced to 55 per cent by 1982.

rained peso to reequip cheaply. Ford have announced plans to

invest \$250m over five years; the newly merged Fiar/Peugeor will bring in over \$200m of equipment in a shorter period. Volkswagen is starting to build models from scratch and mevi-ably the Japanese have been first off the mark to organize sales and spares networks for their imported cars, thus fulfilling in part the fears of manufacturers that the new legislafacturer.

Lorries may be imported with rion would open the door to

It was not surprising that a duty of 65 per cent, to be cheap Japanese and Brazilian
the instant fortunes of the reduced to 45 per cent in 1982. wehicles.

the motor industry. Firms which do not have the confi-

pets are opting out of the race

or switching (as in the case of Citroen) to the distribution and

Those which have decided to go shead under the new rule are taking advantage of a highly

service of imported cars.

Business Diary: Girl torque • Zimbabwe and Io D

n of Business and Pro-Women should have ch a dive since the y and Sex Discriminaoval Acts came in? qual Pay Act was in 1975, the year that Discrimination Act

w. Membership of the i, whose forty-first onference takes place course next month, rom a 40-year high of 3,000 in 1968-1969 to 444 branches (1975) in 407 branches last lowest in three

ing to general secreanor Young, however, ity legislation does not nch bearing" on the

president, Audrey ells me : "We are self-Audrev ve. We have been fightomen to be able to go ork and now they have ounger women are too h jobs and with housecome to meetings." urner, a lecturer, adds federation now encourestablishment of periather than city-centre make a good Chancellor. in clubs to make it ir women to attend.

> about time my opposite
> on The Financial
> the Men and Matters thought up a new and ogmistic title? When y those male chaminist Bracken House did a n the merits of tights stockings it had to be nonial costume.

t it, that the member- Flora and Peter Rowe were the United Kingdom among the small Rhodesian deleeation at yesterday's annual convention of the Institute of Directors at the Royal Albert Hall.

Mrs Rowe, who owns a secre-turial agency in Salisbury, is the secretary of the IoD's Central Africa branch. Peter Rowe is the local manager of the French Today she will be at the IoD's

headquarters in Pall Mall dis-cussing how to strengthen the Salisbury-based IoD branch. "If ever there was a need for a voice for private enterprise it is going to be right now ", she told me. Membership, about 600 when UDI was declared, took a dive because of anti-British feeling but now, thanks to the efforts of Mrs Rowe and branch stalwarts, it is back roughly to its

The trend nowards more budgets looks like being fol-lowed by enother towards more Chancellors. The Confederation of British Industry, I hear, is to launch a compension in the Circle to find a lady wine would

The winner will take home 11,000, a most useful congribution to any family budget. Details are to be printed in the October issue of the magazine, and the final will be held in Loudon in March—just before the printed of the congribution of the co the next Budget.

This is not a pre-Budget hint over. Two of the ren CBI dir. Simeons says, only one parliating ground of Preside ecocretes are headed by women, mentarian, the Tory Michael —in 1981. The Russian Dorothy Drake (information) Grylls, will be there. He is black the competition and Some Rikin (small firms), going as the guest of Hoechst. not take part anyway.



Never on our knees: Rhodesian delegates Flora and Feter Ro and IoD packed lnuch in London yesterday.

old level.

There are about 10 black ing in every week. Mrs Rowe is but because they have jobs enmembers, and new applications, firm that blacks shall not be titling them to membership.

One man's meat . . Whether or not Sir Geoffrey's Budger will be good for Tory digestions remains to be seen, but it has already stuck in the throat of former Tory MP Charles Simeons set up the two-day conference on Control of Toxic

Substances and proposed United States/EEC legislation thereon, which starts in London today. He had the wheeze of suggesting that companies sending people along should take a chunny MP with them.

In the event, ICI, Hoechst, La Porte, and IMI were smong those who agreed but now,

• The Olympics debate rumbles on, but one Olympics will not take place this year—the Skill Olympics, the hitherto annual event organized by the Society for the Promotion of Vocational Training and Education, It is all very cross-making because we took a gold (for bricklaying) in Cork last September.

Rill Norris, the secretary, told me yesterday that it is not be-cause of political considerations but because no country found the cash quickly enough to act

Nonetheless, the Americans are offering to stage these Olympics at Arlanta—the stamping ground of President Carter in 1981. The Russians will not black the competition they do

 For a man who makes his money knocking things down, Sid Hunt spends a lot of his time building up the demolition

He is executive editor of the industry magazine Demolition and Dismuntling, a vice-presi-dent of the National Federation of Demolition Contractors honorary secretary of the Institute of Domolition Engineers managing director of Southern Demolition and the industry's Man of the Year.".

Recently he has been out on demofition sites not knocking things down but directing a film about the industry. This will replace a documental filmed by Yorkshire Televisi in the early 1970s, called Bring the House Down.

Up daring is needed he says, because of changes in health and safety legislation, which, for example, have introduced controls on working with

bestos and les Hunt says that it is bard work mproving the reputation of the industry, because of the many "cowboy" companies working outside the self-policing federa-

ment saying that to save money no more notices of industria tribunal hearings will be desadds that only a third of the cases listed actually get as far as a hearing anyway. One won-ders, therefore, whether the tribunal system itself could stand some pruning. The lists are to go, but is this not a case of chopping off the leaves

Fairview Estates Limited INTERIM STATEMENT

6 MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1979

Unaudited Receips	E Months to	6 Months to 31 Dec 76
Tumovet	15,402	£000 12,219
PROPER TAXATION	4,801	2,338
Taxation.	(360)	(234
Profit After Taxation	4,441	2,104
Inform Dividend	355	296
Net Amount pershare	. 3.3p	2.75p
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A profit for the six months to the 31st December 1979 of £4.801m was earned. No industrial property was sold during this period. One housing site sale took place but this did not contribute

no beralaiger arehiorientilo of yeld are enu anno pieq en liter fen qC.C to bredirith miteini al. the 24th April 1990, an increase of 20%. The Company's contracted Hent Roll now stands at \$2.870m. This does not include several rent reviews upon which the due date has passed but the payised remain are still to be agreed. When agreement is reached the contracted Rent Roll will be meliover£3m.

The Company has several substantial leitings under negotiation and is making good pros with the development programme of sites in hand. The putlook in this division is most satisfactory with strictly controlled exposure, essential in today's uncertain climate. House sales during the six months to December 1979 were buoyant with improved mergins maintained, However, as anticipated, the market is now more difficult with increased building costs again

The borrowing level is currently being reduced and the Company's Balance Sheet will be shonger still at the year end, 30th June 1980. Shareholders should be aware that the present high level of profit represents part of the stated policy to quickly reduce housing land stocks, generate cash to reduce borrowing and thus enable further progress to be made in the transition from pure house-builder to property investment/development company. It is not intended to maintain this rate of earning growth, bearing in mind the resolve to reduce the Company's present level of

D. J. COPE, Chillians



Stock markets

Gilts boosted by last-minute buyers

The last day of waiting before Sir Geoffrey Howe's second Budget kept the stock markets quiet Equities firmed gradually during the day after opening easier following Wall Street's 9 point fall overnight.

Gilts also managed to hold steady at the firmer levels of the previous night encouraged by rumours and hopes that the Budget package would contain some strong investment incen-

There was some activity in certain equity sectors, including insurances, following the announcement that Marsh and McLennan's bid for C. T. Bowring, which gained 10p to 143p, would be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

A crop of results started yesterday with Equity and Law Life Assurance's dividend boost, 4 up at 198p also helped the sector, particularly the brokers. Oils once again proved to be among the livelier stocks with the prospect of a fourth bid for Viking Oil and Lasmo's figures, which were about £1m higher than expected.

Properties also received a pre-Budget boost in the almost certain belief that stamp duty would be reduced to 1 per cent with an additional fillip from the less certain possibility that gains tax will be re-

But dealers were emphatic that today's measures, nick-named the "wait and see" Budget, will shift the market 15 points in either direction despite the absence of any large numbers of speculative buyers in this three week account.

The FT Index, which saw its lowest point in the first hour of trading when it went down 1.9 to 425.3, started to climb after lunch and closed up 3.1

25.2(17.2)

12.9(11.8) 63.39(4.98)

Bambers Stores (F) Beradin Rubber (F) Brent Chems (F)

Castlefield Rubbr (I)
Castlefield Rubbr (I)
Equity & Law (F)
Garton Eng. (F)
Lasmo (F) (†)
Reckitt & Colmn (F)

Stag Furniture (F) 29.5(20.7) Utd Newspapers (F) 69.8(57.4)

Profit before tax

that currency.

Earnings per share

Comments on Results. In common with most

being dealt with in a vigorous manner.

international manufacturing companies, Reckitt &

Colman has experienced a difficult trading year and has

America and Brazil and of exports from the U.K., the group's performance around the world has generally been

of a high order and is not adequately reflected by the

figures as they appear in sterling, due to the strength of

During 1979, the group spent £47.8m on capital

projects and acquisitions, designed to preserve and further

develop the geographical and product spread of Reckitt &

drivers' strike at the beginning of the year but recovered

and made excellent progress in the second half of the

before tax was similar to that of 1978.

for the related closure costs.

performed well.

made satisfactory progress.

by 13.0% and earnings by 16.3%.

The U.K. trading divisions were hit by the transport

In Europe, while sales increased satisfactorily, profit

The really significant drop in profit was in North

America but in the second half of 1979, improvement

continued in certain activities in North America and it

has been decided to close some of these. Provision has

been made in extraordinary items in the 1979 accounts

Trading for Reckitt & Colman Australia began

year progressed, ending up on a strong note. In local currency terms, sales increased by 14.2%, pre-tax profit

slowly in the first half-year, but gained momentum as the

Against a fairly depressed economic background. Reckitt & Colman in New Zealand again performed very

In Latin America the Brazilian companies were

adversely affected by strong inflation. In Argentina the

company substantially increased its sales and preserved

in Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru the businesses

profit margins. Trading in Venezuela was difficult while

In most parts of Africa trading proved difficult due

to continued restrictions on imports and the strength of

sterling coupled with the weakness of local currencies.

Despite these problems, the business in South Africa

occurred there. Trading difficulties have, however,

It is encouraging that, with the exception of North

had problems particular to itself. These problems are

coming in at the last minute before the Budget, ended the day with longs up to £1 better although most were £1 improved and shorts, which reported a dull day, with occasional £1/16 fells of the barre alen finished falls after hours, also finished about £4 up.

Among the leading industrial stocks, Beechan proved to bt one which provided the most business, but by the close the

Fast growing English Association of American Bond and Share Holders saw profits jump from £77,000 to £218,000 in the first half and is now firmly on course for at least £500,000 pretax for the year to June against £381,000 last time.

share price had lost 2p to 117p. Glaxo fanished et 246p, 2p lower. ICI was among the few to add a couple of peace and ended the day at 370p.

Fisons dropped 5p to 264p while Unilever lost ip to 415p. Courtsolds and BAT Industries were unchanged at 69p and 231p respectively, as was Pilk-ington at 213p. Rank gained 30 to 1990.

News that Berkeley Exploration, the recently launched off-shoot of KCA International, had negotiated a farm-in with Shell on Block 28/5A pushed the share price up 6p to 113p while Shell itself lost 2p to 336p.

BP and Ultramar were emong those which gained as fears that the Chancelor would impose stringent windfall profit taxes and increase petroleum revenue taxe have somewhat dissipated and even discounted by investors. BP closed at 336p, up 4p and Ultramar aded 6p to 494p. The high flyer of the less

Latest results

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Risewhere in Business News are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. *=loss †=including results from oil exploration.

4.07 (2.79)

3.4(2.7)

4.380(0.386)

23.44(10.73*)

£659.08m

£51.01m

22.55 p

0.86(0.99)

per share 13.8(9.64)

15.6(12.5)

10.4(8.6) 23.54(26.05) 12.72(15.18) 22.6(27.8) 19.2(18.0)

2.0(1.5) 3.5(2.4)

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1.5(--) 6.5(4.2) 15.0(9.2)

Reckitt & Colman 1979

Unaudited Preliminary Results

account, Seibens, lost 10p early in the day but finished at 550p. Viking Oil, which was sus-pended during the day 10p up at 1090p, awaited its fourth bid in as many weeks and dealers believe that the price could

eventually go as high as £14 a Among the other oil stocks, Tri centrol was unchanged at 278p after last week's profits and Lasmo after its announcement, saw profit takers move in and closed at 440p, down 3p.

Other companies which re-ported figures included Brent Chemicals which called for a rights issue with its full-year figures and added 4p to 226p. Reckitt and Colman's disappointing results, because of its North American problems and the strength of sterling, saw the share price fall 2p to 172p while among the stores, Stag Furniture gained 4p to 192p with good profits. Bambers Stores, which also produced good profits, 47 per cent up.

United Newspapers' figures boosted the share price 12p to

Speculation in Amalgamated Power continued with a further boost of 7p to 82p but J. Sains-bury took a 7p knock to 293p after a brokers circular stressed increased competition.

The continuing ups and downs of bullion, which fell \$25 to \$540.5 yesterday, combined with the South African budget, pushed gold shares down almost without exception. West Driefontein dropped \$2½ to \$67, F. S. Geduld followed suit losing \$2 to \$501 while Middle ing \$3 to \$50\ while Middle Wits fell 8p to 410p.

Among the London financials, Rie Tinto-Zinc held on to finish unchanged at 353p but Consoli-dated Gold Fields lost 4p to

2/7 18/4

11/6

Seles to customers

Profit before Tax
Tax on profit (Note 1)

Preference dividends

Exchange differences

Added to reserves

overses tax

Ownsels true

London WC2.

Extraordinary items (Note 2)

Earnings per share (Note 3)

UK advance corporation tax

Other UK taxes, less relief for

Tax, including deferred tax only in respect of liabilities which

Extraordinary items in 1979 consist of provisions for losses on closure of sites and businesses, less related tax relief of £3.09m.

Earnings per share are based upon the average shares in issue during 1978 and 1979 and on earnings attributable to ordinary shareholders as stated above.

Ordinary Dividends. A final dividend of 5p per share

(1978 - 3.326 p) is recommended to be paid on 2nd July

1980. With the interim paid in January 1980 this would

Annual Report. Copies of the annual report will be

The Annual General Meeting. This will be held on

Thursday 22nd May at 10.15 a.m. for 11 a.m. at The

A presentation will be made at the meeting of the

make a total of 8.5p (1978 - 5.926p).

company's Latin American business.

posted to shareholders on 29th April 1980.

Connaught Rooms, 15 Great Queen Street,

are expected to arise in the foreseeable future consists of:-

Profit autributable to ordinary abareholdera Ordinary dividends

Earnings attributable to ordinary

5.05(3.19)

11.0(7.7) 6.6(6.5)

10.0(6.5) 24.0(15.6)

491p. Rustenburg, following the trend in metals prices, was 230p, down 4p.

In the Australians, there was a general lack of interest after the losses built up during the last account and most of the stocks were down on the day. Woodside dropped 3p to 93p. Otter dipped 4p to 66p and Samantha finished 2p lower at 70p. MIM Holdings saw an even sharper fall of 8p to 205p and Western Mining closed 6p down at 194p.

The insurance sector was busier with results due today from Prudential unchanged at

This account should see the final drilling report of the Siebens Marathon test bores in the North Sea. The recent re-newed strength in the share price suggests that the results should prove substantial oil and gas finds. The share prime re-mained steady at 550p pesterday.

169p, and Legal and General up 1p to 162p. Guardian Royal Ex-change added 10p to 136p but Commercial Union slipped 1p to 127p. General Accident gained 2p to 228p and Sun Alliance hipped 2p to 534p.

Of the brokers, C. E. Heath gained 2p to 208p and Willis Faber lost 2p to 246p.

Properties hardened slightly with a few large buyers in the hope that the Budget would provide capital gains tax concessions which dealers believe will lead to a rash of take-overs. By the end of the day there were few sellers FPM there were few sellers. EPM was unchanged at 191p with Peachey and Haslemere show ing no price movement at 128p aCnd 292p respectively. Land Securities gained 1p to 291p.

Renewed suggestions that Sime Darby will offer a £10 a share bid for Guthrie boosted the price 33p to 845p; but London and Sumatra lost 10p to 385p and Killinghall dipped 5p to 515p, astlefield fell 13p to 490p after its results and Harrisons Malay, with interim figures out roday, went down figures out today, went down 3p to 167p:

Equity turnover for March 24 was £64,441m (number of bargains 13,986). The most active stocks, according to Exchange Telegraph, were BP, C. T. Bowring, Shell, BAT Industries. Beecham, and Courtaulds.

1979

659.68

59,54

8,53

51.01

19.78

31.23

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20.57

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34.12

4.08

30.04

1.70

7.26

21.08

27.84p

1.11

18.69

23.46

Wardle directors resign after takeover

Two directors of plastics group Bernard Wardle, who have been on the board at least seven years, have suddenly reeiened.

A terse statement issued to the Stock Exchange yesterday said their resignations followed the success of the takeover bid from Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey's company, Ferguson Investments

It was announced last Friday that Mr Lacey's new company had received 58.5 per cent acceptances for his 33p a share offer and with shares already owned he controlled 88.4 per cent of Wardle.

One of the directors, Mr Eric Dodson is a senior partner of the Manchester-based firm of Addleshaw Sons & Latham, olicitors to Bernard Warble.

The other is Mr Jolin Mclaren Morrish, also charman and managing director of London-based public relations group Leedex. Neither was available

comment last night. Remaining directors of Bernard Wardle declined to comment yesterday but said they hoped to make a statement within 24 hours. That should follow the board meeting due to be held today when it is widely expected Mr Lacey will carry through his plan to instal himself and fellow Ferguson Investment owner, 73year-old Mr Cecil McBride, on the Wardle board. Mr Lacey will also replace current chair-

man Mr Ronald East Meanwhile there was an emergency meeting of shop stewards of Wardle's threatened Everflex factory in Caernaryon, last night. Mr Lacey met them last Friday afternoon and said that a statement was likely today on Wardle's decision to close the factory with the loss of 332 local jobs.

Options

The last doy before the udget, which the options dealers hope will herald the tax changes to allow options to be classed as investments rather than assets, saw a total contracts compared with Mon-

Lond Securities topped the list with 86 contracts, with P close behind with 80. Shell A quiet day was reported in roditional options, although a

put was appounced in Davy International. Calls were produced in James Neill, Comfort Hotels, Carpets International, uthris ond House

Viking Oil shares suspended again

Shares of Viking Oil were before the original agreed bid suspended yesterday amid of E3 a share plus royalty payrumours of another bid from mens from Deminek one of its already long list of Yesterday speculation was

However, Mr Kurt Van Vlan-dren, of Pennsylvania-based Sun Co Inc. admitted that his company was still conducting negotiations with Viking but until Viking made a statement Sun would be unable to comment. He was also maware of any talks being coducted with either of Sun's two main com-peritors, Hunt International Petroleum and Deminex of West Germany.

A spokesman for Viking Oil refused to comment on the ssue but stared that the shares, quoted under rule 163(3), were until late this afternoon or. Thursday morning, at which point a statement would be

The shares were suspended at 1090p, a rise of 10p on the day, which compares with 740p

Yesterday speculation was rife over the suspension, the second this month, with some predicting a bid price of £12 cash a share. However, none

were prepared to say who was

The arraction of Viking lies in its stakes in the Brae and Tiffany fields, which have already registered finds. Others are still in prospect. This has led one broker to estimate the group's assets at between 400p

and £23 a share. The first bid for Viking by Deminex in February was quickly followed by another from the Sun Co. This was valued at £4 a share plus an unspecified royalty payment.

Three days later Hunt Inter national Petroleum emerged as the third bidder with £4.500 a share and a rovalty payment that valued Viking at £10.8m.

Profits jump of 47pc at Stag Furniture

By Peter Wilson-Smith helped to push profits of Stag Furniture up by 47 per cent to £3.35m in the year to December 28. The final dividend has been increased by 55 per cent to give a total of 14.30 gross—up by

The shares closed higher on the news at 192p for a two-day rise of 10p. Stag is also planning to capitalize some of its abundant reserves by issuing five ordinary shares and two 10 per cent controlative preference shares for every five ordi-

Apart from the contribution from Meredrew, which was acquired in November 1978 and which trades at the top end of the furniture market, Stag's other main operating companies have also turned in ingher profits. These include Stag Cabinets and Awalon at the

y Peter Wilson-Smith The group finished the year A full year's contribution with a strong belance showing on Meredrew Furniture cash in the bank of £1.26m compared with only £333,000 at end-1978. Assets per ordinary share were 230p.

The strong cash-position will stand Stag in good stead in 1980, which promises to be a much more difficult year. Reduced consumer spending has led to much tougher competition in the furniture market. and there is no sign of this easing in the short term.

After rising by 42 per cent to £29.5m in 1979, sales in the first two manufes of the current year are only 13 per cent higher. But overall the group is maintaining volume with the expensive furniture holding up well.

The shares yield 7.4 per cent and the p/e ratio on a notional full tax charge is 4.9. On the ectual 17 per cent tax thatge this falls to only 2.8.

Bemrose results tumble

Derby-based printing packag der engraving business, the and publishing group more group had to dip into reserves than halved profits last year. a final gross dividend of 3.13p.

The dividend is raised 4 per giving a mind of 6.37g, against cent.

In the year to the end of High interest raise; the December, profits fell from strong pound and disappearing 52.4m to £1.1m on a turnover performances by the book production and publishing are

charging £525,000 for re- blemed for the estimage fall. Bank NV.

ness—as long as trading dees ne further. The boar a one-for-two sc final dividend is a total of 9.3p, last year. The up 2p yesterday per cent. State share are down

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in 1979.

Profits rose fr

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This was due of extraordinary its £991,000, against

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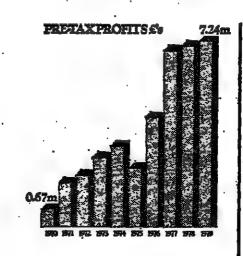
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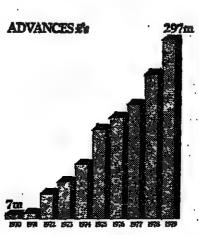
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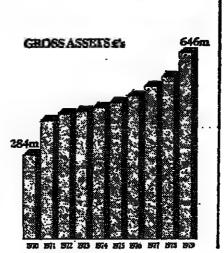
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Highlights for 1979

* Further profits advance to £7.2 million.

* Record corporate advisory activity—inissues, mergers and acquisitions.

* Currency and sterling advances up 18% £297 million.

* Responsibility for investment funds of over£1.4 billion.

* Management and co-management of Ne 13 eurobond issues with a value of over \$750 million equivalent.

* Representative office opened in New Yo

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of the group's 47 per crease in turnover to reflects higher volume. s is a budget operation unique integration of rds of sales are own
) has enabled it to hold steady. However the w stores opened during have contributed suby to higher sales.

was a more modest 29

ding new stores, the ng rise in volume sales ut 10 per cent. This all ugh period for most es in the rag trade g the rise in VAT and was almost certainly

The cost of opening new stores will be evident in the year-end balance sheet, which will show considerably higher borrowings. Bambers spent £4m net on new retail stores, and ear to Ferbuary 2. After working capital requirements perty sales compared

more than six times higher at £947,000 in 1979-80.

Bambers is continuing to hold down prices and so far margins have not suffered. The e integration of group will also be adding to its manufacturing sales are own nabled it to hold However the scopened during contributed subproviding the bulk of profits,

to judge at this stage.

The year's gross dividend has been raised by 77 per cent and at 93p—down 4p on the figures ut 10 per cent. 1705 at.

1 in the first half. The
half coincided with a
the shares yield 3,1 per cent.
The p/e ratio on a notional full
the p/e ratio and excluding the tax charge and excluding the exceptional profits on property sales is 13.9. A one-for-two scrip issue is planned,

cession blamed for

mel Prest 2 Engineering, manufacturer οξ id fastenings, saw pre-fits full last year to from £990,000. Aubrey Garton,

ing exchange rates, prerest charges and the on in British industry lower results. ingineering and trans-ikes had less impact the have been expected. on during the engin-dispute was less im-than during the transike. But it now seems, on says, that the steel ould be more serious of the effect on

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will have risen, too.

The higher level of debt has already worked through to interest charges which were

the outcome for 1980-81 is hard

vnturn at Garton

promising, however. The comthe blames inflation,

promising, however. The com-pany hopes it can raise turn-over by more than last year when it went up by about fim to f12.9m. In real terms this was a fail of around 4 per cent, and it points to mergins being heavily squeezed.

The pressure on margins was aggravated by competition from imports, especially in the mass market for bolts, the traditional core of Garton's business which still accounts for about 40 per cent of turn-over. Another factor was that disruptions to customers discuptions to customers' business effectively caused a delay in Gerton's Increases.

A final dividend of 50 gross brings the year's full payout to shereholders to 9.50 gross, the same as last year.

International

Sohio net income up by 163 pc

Washington, March 25

Standard Oil of Ohio (Sohio), whose majority shareholder is BP, stressed today that its key long-term financial objectives are a strong credit rating of at least "double A" a minimum return on borrowed and invested capital that exceeds expected inflation rates by a reasonable amount of at least 6 to 8 per cent and a dividend payment of 35 to 40 per cent of income.

The company noted in its annual report that in the 1970s its assets grew sixfold to \$9,209m. Its ownership stake in the Frudboe Bay field in Alaska gives it greater crude oil reserves than any other com-pany in the United States. Sobio exepects Prudhoe Bay production, now at 1.5m bar-rels a day, to be sustained at this high level for about six

years. In 1979 Sohio increased its revenues by 52 per cent to 57,916m, its net income rose by 163 per cent to 51,186.1m, its long-term debt fell by 17 per cent to \$3,086.4m and its cash dividends per common stock rose 47 per cent to \$1.22.

Phillips Petroleum expects higher earnings in 1980 despite a probable decline in profits from its petroleum products

group, according to its annual

Phillips had earnings in 1979

Phillips had earnings in 1979 of \$819m (£372m), or \$5.77 a share, up from \$718.1m, or \$4.66 a share, in 1978, while earnings of its petroleum products group rose to \$206m from \$49m.

Bridon sells stake in Haggie

wire maker, has sold its 38.8 per cent stake in the South stake because the return on investment has been small and African associate company Haggie for R57m (£31.7m). The purchasers are Scaw Metals, a wholly owned subsidiar yof the 1979 was £1.36m. giant Anglo American Corporation, and Union Corporation. In 1978 Bridon made pre-tax

Haggie is a major supplier of steel cables to the South African mining industry. profits of £17.1m, but in the year it made profits of R28m first half of the last financial on assets of R70.1m. In recent year lost £1.52m. The company years Haggie has also moved

Bid for Australian Finance

Associates Corporation of of 90 per cent acceptance by North America says it will shareholders.

make a joint \$11.5m (about The joint offer is of \$1.20 pany, Australian Finance and Securities.

The offer is conditional on review board and upon receipt accepted

The joint offer is of \$1.20 f5m) takeover offer with the Melbourne-based insurance group, T and G Mutual Life Society for the finance company, Australian Finance and 50 cent two million partly paid 50 cent two million partly paid 50 cent shares.

Associates Corporation noted approval from the Govern-that the AFS board has said it ment's foreign investment will recommend the offer be

CP to acquire food group

Canadian Pacific Investments, \$75m (about £34m). The agree-of Montreal, and Norin Cor-ment is subject to any neces-poration, of Miami, Florida, has sary governmental approvals, a announced that it has reached agreement in principle under which Canadian Pacific and its wholly-owned United States subsidiary, Canellus, of Syracuse, will acquire through a cash merces all of the outside agreement, and the approval of Norin's shareholders at a shareholders meeting expected to be held by early aumment.

Norin is a diversified food a price of \$32 a share. The aggregate price of the

expected to rise faster than prices for refined oil.

The growth seen in the chemicals business in 1979 is

tion of a variety of food and agricultural products in North

cash merger all of the outstand- company engaged in the manu-ing common shares of Norin at facture, processing and distribu-

Phillips expects higher earnings

in 1979. United States crude production was down by 3 per cent to 121,400 barrels daily in 1979, a level the company expects to hold about even in 1980.

The price of oil from the Norwegian area of the North Sea rose to an average of \$21.69 a barrel from \$13.94 in 1978, Thillips said while prices

not expected to continue into 1980, partly because United States economic activity is expected to slow. Profits rose to \$185m in 1979 from \$60m in products group rose to \$206m United States natural gas revenues rose by 43 per cent last year and gas production patroleum products group earnis expected to rise slightly in Phillips received said, while prices for Nigerian oil reached \$22.30 from \$14.11 barrel a year earlier.

into export markets, particu-larly in other parts of Africa and in Latin America.

made of the funds elsewhere.

The dividend from Haggie in 1979 was £1.36m.

Latin America.

The move can also be seen as another step in the strengthening by South African incompany. industry. It is significant that the stake is to be divided between Anglo American, often regarded as representing English language business in the republic, and Union Corpora-tion, which after its recent in-corporation into General Mining could be considered part of the Afrikaner camp.

Bass hotels still expanding

Crest Hotels, the hotel arm of Bass, the brewery group, is still in an expension mood and will be announcing the purchase of another hotel in Europe shortly.

The impending deal was dis-closed by Mr Richard Beer. managing director, at the start of a Dutch Week at the Group's hotel at the Wembley Complex possibly an echo of the f16.7m deal last year which made it the biggest botel group

Crest is now the third largest United Kingdom-based hotel company, Mr Beer said, with 30 on the Continent and 54 in the United Kingdom.

No Arbed dividend

The steel company Arbed announced sharply reduced losses for 1979 of 218m Luxembourg francs, compared with 1,919m francs in 1978 and

4,500m in 1977.

Despite the "encouraging improvement", Arbed said, the losses of the past several years and the financial several years and the financial several sev modernizing facilities led the directors to decide against recommending a dividend pay-

Matsushita Electric

Net income of Matsushita Electric Works of Japan was 18bn yan for the year ended November 30, 1979. This com-pares with 13.9bn in the previ-

ous year.
Sales amounted to 451.2bn
yen against 12bn yen.

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 139th Annual General Meeting of United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution will be held at the Guildhall, Salisbury, Wiltshire, on Wednesday, 14th May 1980, at 12 noon, for the following purposes:

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1. To consider the documents comprised within the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1979.

2. To re-elect the following directors who retire by rotation in accordance with Rule 8.01:

Viscount Sandon Mr W M Clarke Sir John Riddelf

3. To elect the following directors who have been appointed since the last Annual General Meeting, in accordance with Rule 9.06:

The Honourable R M O Stanley The Rt Hon Dr J Dickson Mabon, MP Mr J J Gunning

4. To re-appoint Messrs Deloitte Haskins & Sells as the auditors to the Institution and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.

5. As special business, to consider the following Ordinary Resolution: "That the fees of the directors be and are hereby increased from the rate of £2,500 per annum for each director to £3,500 per annum for each director with effect from 14th May 1980".

By Order of the Board SVFinn Deputy General Manager (Properly) and Secretary 12th March 1980

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erim rise of 10 pc at Ricardo

c-based Ricardo Con-Engineers is still push-profits higher, after topped the film mark first time in 1978-79. pretax profits rose by charge, compared with 3,000 last time, Revenue 3 by 15 per cent to Shareholders benefit, interim dividend ris 3.92p to 4.28p gross.

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turnover up from to £882,000, pre-tax increased from £341,000 5,000 in the year to ber 30. Profits are after an additional proan additional pro-or replanting of £30,000, d with all for 1977-78. arnings per share up lip to 6.02p, the total, gross, is being raised isp to 5.42p.

r half-time loss n Sinclair Hldgs

ugh the turnover of Sinclair Holdings rose sinclair Holdings rose 10.37m to £12.75m in the r to December 31, the s expanded to £538.000, ed with a loss of 0 last time, after a nil rige (same); last year's was also after charging traordinary debit of The Squres include The figures include lts of Dickson, Brown for the first time. The

board remains shareholders of the cyclical nature of the group's activities, which results in losses in the first half-year. But the year's figures are expected to show an improvement over the previous year.

Permine Commercial sells offshoot

Pennine Commercial Holdings has sold its subsidiary, Oversess Property Investment (Sales) for a cash sum of £40,000, payable in four squal monthly instalments, starting on March 25, 1980.

Pennine will also receive a sum equal to 40 per cent of the profits (after tax) of OPI the three years to January 31, 1983. The directors are unable to quantify the amount of the further consideration likely to be received. Pennine's offshoot, Allon Estates, bas offshoot, Allon Estates, has bought 48 flats in a purpose-built block in Sheffield. The sale of 26 of these flets was completed simultaneously with the purchase and the net consideration payable by Alion was £24,000.

Pennine's board estimates that the profit from this transaction for 1979-80 will be not less than £100,000 before interest charges. It expects ground

terest charges. It expects group pretax profits for 1979-80 will be higher than the preceding

Bid from Bendix

Bendix International Finance, of Michigan, has made a public offer to acquire all the outstanding shares of DRA, the French auto parts group in which it already has a 92.5 percent interest, the Paris stockbrokers, association said yesterday.

terday.

Bendix is offering 150 francs
a share for the 117,264 outstanding 100-franc nominal

Paradyne CASE merger is off

The virtual doubling of the

ber, whereby Paradyne was to acquire Computer and Systems Engineering for \$50,000 of its shares, that the parties have been unable to negociate final terms suitable to both sides. So CASE and Paradyne are agreed that the proposed merger will not take-place. Hoowever, relationships between both firms remain excellent and they reaffirm their intention to continue longstanding arrengements for the distribution of Paradyne products by CASE in the United

Eastern Counties Farmers up 30 pc

Kingdom and Ireland.

One of Britain's biggest farmers' co-operatives, Eastern Counties Fearmers, based in Ipswich, has announced increased profit, by nearly 30 per cent to a record £1.7m. The 9,000-member society increased turnover last year to £91m.

Hawthorn, Leslie plans £1.5m deal

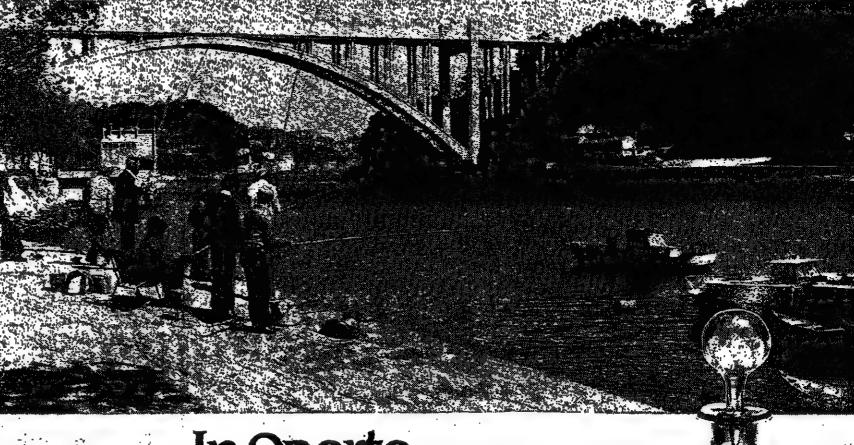
R. and W. Hawthorn, Leslie ! buy British Central Electrical for £1.5m cash, conditional Hawtborn shareholders' approval. BCE is a wholesaler and manufacturer of industrial electrical equipment based at Stanmors. Its turnover in the year to March 31, 1979, was £6.4m and its pre-ear profits £320,000,

Imperial Gas—

CompAir Imperial Continental Gas Association's offers for Comp-Air have been declared uncon-Air have been declared unconditional in all respects. The
resolution was passed at an
EGM of CompAir approving
the reorganization of CompAir's capital. IC Gas holds
95.7 per cent of the capital of
CompAir currently in issue and
87.5 per cent of the capital as
enlarged. The offers remain
ones until further notice.

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The Annual General Meeting was held at 120 Cheapside, London EC2 on Tuesday, 25 March, 1980 at 3.00 p.m.

ne following is a summary of the Report by the Directors for the year ended 30 November, 1979.

Ing industrial assessment			
	1979	- <u>1978</u>	%Change
otal Revenue	E1,312,973	£994,806	÷ 32.0%
evenue after laxation and expenses	€ 736,222	£471,218	+ 56.2%
arnings per Ordinary Share (see below)	6.95p	4.78p	<u>÷ 45.4%</u>
ordinary dividends for the year net per share	6.60p	4.600	÷ +43.5%
let asset value per 25p Ordinary Share	<u>1777p</u>	185.2p	<u>-4.0%</u>

The earnings per ordinary share reflect non-recurring income from the Company's holdings in Shell transport & Trading Limited and Unilever Limited as a result of the removal of dividend restraint, mounting to £112,049 net. As the Directors considered that the benefit of this income should be assed on directly to the shareholders at the earliest opportunity, a special interim dividend of 1.00p er share has been declared on the Ordinary Capital, absorbing £104,690, and is included in the ividends per share above.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from the Secretaries. J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited, 48 St. Martin's Lane, London WC2N 4E.J.

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Briefly

Expanded Metal: Turnover for year to December 31, 1979, year to December 51, £32.64m (£23.59m). Premx profit, £3.52m (£2.31m). Earnings per £3.52m (£2.31m). Total (gross) share, 8.64p (7.72p). Total (gross) dividend, 6.42p (5.96p). Wolstenholme Rink: Turnover for 1979, £15.52m (\$13.32m). Pretas profit. £1,93m (£1.87m). Basic e. riags per share, 24.8p (26.5p). Tom (gross) payment raised from 7.25p (adjusted) to 8.21p.

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Castlefield (klang) Rubber Estate:
Turnover for half-year to December, 1873,000 (£815.000). Profus
profit, £380,000 (£386.000). Profus
figure based on estimate for full
year, proportioned for six months.
AGB Research Limited: Morgan
Grenfell announces that of the
2.789,188 new ordinary shares of
10n each offered by way of rights 10p each offered by way of rights to the ordinary shareholders of

AGB Research, over 96 per cent have been taken up. nave been taken up.

Local Authority Bonds; The interest rate on this week's batch of local authority yearling bonds is 17% per cent. Issue price is 100.

Last week it was 17 per cent at

By Philip Robinson tor, Mr Timothy Cohen, says
Trustees of S. Hoffnung's was supplied on Monday. In the
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10 c Fairview Estates the housebuilders Fairview Estates the housebuilders doubled profits, raised the interim dividend 20 per cent in the six months to the end of last December, but warned that the earnings growth level will not be maintained. Profits jumped from 52.3m to 54.8m on a nurrower stock will consider in detail rent 80p-a-share takeover bid later this week whether the from Australian giant Burns United Kingdom-based Australian conglomerate has broken the trust deeds by closing loss-making warehouses in Sydney sider it would not be appropriate for any steps to be taken 52.3m to 54.8m on a turnover ahead from £12.2m to £15.4m. The directors say borrowings are being reduced. The dividend goes up from 3.92/p to 4.71p.
Louis C. Edwards and Sons (Manchester): Gulliver Foods bought 10,000 shares in Edwards at 57p on March 24 and now holds 3.33m. shares 16.9 per cent Under the terms of the loan, if the closures constitute a substantial change in Hoffmung's business, the trustee have the option to order the outstanding 1985,90 Loan Stock to be repaid in full immediately. That
would cost Hoffnung about

£2.3m.

We have the examples an event
of default by the company. If
there has, we would then take
into account the best course of

on March 24 and now holds 3.33m shares (16.9 per cent).

Batleys of Yorkshire is making a scrip issue of either two ordinary 10p shares or two deferred ordinary 12ip shares for each ordinary share held. Deferred shares will carry no right to dividend for about five years and they will then be converted into ordinaries on the basis of five for each four deferred. Forecast find

rice will then be converted into ordinaries on the basis of five for each four deferred. Forecast final dividend on ordinary totalling \$126,000 not, making total of \$172,860 (£151,200) net.

City Team for Greece: The Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Gordon Richardson, and Sir Francis Sandilands, Chairman of the Committee on Invisible Exports, will be heading a team of speakers from the City of Loudon at a two-day joint conference in Athens on May 22 and 23. The Anglo-Greek conference is under the patronage of the Greek Minister of Co-ordination, Mr Mitsotakis, and will be attended by the Governor of the Bank of Greece, Professor Xenophan Zolotas.

Extel Acquire Partnerplan : Extel Advertising and PR under its chairman, Mr Frank O'Shanohun, chairman, Mr Frank O'Shanohun, have acquired the business of Partnerplan, the independent PR Consultancy. The acquisition takes their joint PR billings to £800,000. Meggift Hidgs: Chairman told AGM that figures for first-quarter's trading are comparable with those for similar period last year. On the other hand, there is now a marked fall-off in customer orders and definite signs that the orders and definite signs that the recession in industry is beginning to bite. It is evident that 1980 is going to be an extremely difficult going to be an extremely difficult year, but board taking steps to meet this chellenge.

Bolton Textile Mill: Sale of Bolton House and early repayment of 52 per cent, unsecured loan stock, 1985-90, approved. Loan stock will be repaid at 569.50 per cent on April 1.

Chambers & Fagus: Turnover for half-year to last December rose from £4.62m to £5.86m, but pretax profits declined from £101,000 to £84.000. Board expects improvement in current half-year. Interim dividend held at 0.35p gross.

Rights issue by Brent Chemicals

profits has been announced by profits has been announced by A shall distribute to sop great industrial chemicals group Brent has been proposed, making a Chemicals International

The issue of 12.7m shares will last year.
be on the basis of 1-four-1 at However 30p. The attractiveness of the terms was enough to boost the share price 8p to 228p before closing at 226p in a market that has been dreading an influx of rights issues since the rise in the current share price.

repay loan stock

BGy Michael Clark

A rights issue to raise £3.8m earnings a share of 15.6p tions, which had formed pert and a 23 per cent increase in against 12.6p.

The property of the policy expansion pro-A final dividend of 5.8p gross

However, while the board feel that the figures are satisfactory they fall some way short of earlier expectations. They blame the shortfall on the continual industrial unrest encountered by several of the interest rates. This would give a discount of 86 per cent over reluctant to put a figure on the the current share price.

priate for any steps to be taken

to seek repayment of the stock.
An assistant manager of
Alliance Assurance Mr Leslie
Howes, said last night: "First

we have to establish whether or noto there has been an event

action for the stockholders. We would not automatically order

the immediate repayment of the

gremme in recent years. The terms are aimed at giving shareholders a rairer total of 7.5p compared with 5.3

chance of taking up their en-titlement as with the previous issues. In order to cut costs the board have decided not to underwrite theissue. Looking at the current year

Mr Jones reports that the first two months were satisfactory. BGut he points out that the impact of he steel strike on its In addition, (the company reports pre-tax profits up by 23 said the rights, the company's division is now affecting the per cent to 53.4m on turnover third in three years, would give results of the group for March. customers of he metal finishing

Board changes Hoffnung may be forced to at Hedderwick confirmed

Brokers Hedderwick, Stirling, Grumbar have announced new appointments to the board and confirmed the retirement of the managing director.

The new directors, both of whom are current members of the company, are Mr Harold Thomson Cowie and Mr Simon Patrick Meredith Hardy, who are filling existing vacancies on the board.

The retirement is that of Mr Colin Burnett Franklin as managing director, announced earlier this year.

In addition to the appointments to the board, four dealers. Mr Peter Gossage, Mr Timothy Lagden, Mr Gavin Oram and Mr David Watson,

Business appointments

The trustees, Alliance Assur-ance part of the Sun Alliance

Insurance group, has requested would detailed information on the the important closures, which managing direction."

and Brisbane.

Sir Campbell Fraser made external director of BAT

Sir Campbell Fraser has been made an external director and Mr E. J. Worlidge as an executive director of BAT Industries. director of BAT Industries.

Mr J. Reeve has been made a director of British Aluminium Co.

Mr Stan Nugent, national officer of the heating and sheet metal union, has been elected chairman for 1980/31 of the Heating, Ventilating and Domestic Engineers' National Joint Industrial Council in succession to Mr George Coase who had served two consecutive terms of office. The new vice-chairman is Mr Jim Haddow of Vaughan Mechanical Services who Vaughen Mechanical Services who has been a member of the NJIC and its education committee slace 1977. Mr Robert Higgs has been appointed to the new position of deporty director of the Heating and Ventilating Contractors' Associa-

Messrs P. E. W. Day and E. Winder are now assistant directors of C. E. Heath & Co (International). Mr John Simms has become managing director of

Mr Chris Hayes, managing director of Chris Hayes Associates and formerly deputy chief executive of the Training Service Agency, has been made an associate of the Institute of Manpower Studies.



Sir Campbell Fraser, external director of BAT Industries.

manager of Provincial Building Mr R. L. M. Arnold has gone on to the board of Callund & Company.

Mr Dennis McDonald is now a director and chief operating officer of Stanley Gibbons International, and a member of the Lebraset International corporate

executive.

Mr H. T. Cowie and Mr S. P.

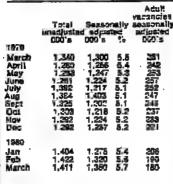
Meredith Hardy have joined the

board of Hedderwick Stirling

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Mr Brian R. L. Holmes has has retired as managing director
become a director and chief general and Messrs P. W. Gossage, T. Y.

UNEMPLOYMENT Monthly figures for Great British,



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Nerth	121.600	-2,60	
Wales	87,800	+ 2,400	
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	1,349,900	+30,000	5.7
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UK	1,413,900	+ 30,600	
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UNION CORPORATION LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

The Chairman, Mr. E. Pavitt, reports

It gives me great pleasure to be able to report the largest Increase in profits ever achieved in the history of Union Corporation. Dividends totalling 62 cents per share and absorbing R38 million have been declared, compared with 47 cents in 1978.

The amount of R45.6 million has been retained to meet the tapidly rising costs of providing and replacing equipment and to provide the necessary funds to expand business activity.

COLD

Income from gold increased by 82 per cent to R26.6 million. Our group mines earned revenue in excess of R500 million while after tax profits increased to R132 million. In addition to the immediate benefit of higher gold prices, several of our low grade mines will enjoy an extended operating period. The wide fluctuations in the gold price and the continuing Steep escalation of costs of capital items make it even more risky today to plan new mining operations or extensions. Until the gold market shows some stability, it cannot be prudent to anticipate a higher average gold price than \$300/\$350 in our forward planning. Unisel Gold Mines took its place as a South African gold

producer last year and I would like to congratulate and thank all those people who worked on the discovery, the planning and the development of this new mine. Further south in the Orange Free State, preparation of a

possible shaft site has commenced on ground held under option by Beatrix Mines. The final decision on whether a viable gold mine can be established will not be made until a feasibility

URANIUM

study is completed in

With the events of the past year in the Middle East, the partial replacing of oil based energy is now becoming an urgent priority. I am confident therefore that in the long term nuclear will increase, with a

corresponding rise in demand tor uranium.

It is nearly two years since preliminary work on Beisa Mines commenced. The rate of progress has enabled us to improve on our original timetable and we believe that Beisa will be brought into production in 1981 - a year earlier than originally planned. A public offer of shares in Beisa is likely during 1980 or early

Hardly a year has passed between one Impala Platinum

expansion programme and another. The current programme will take capacity to over one million ounces of platinum per

The outstanding profit performance was most gratifying and notwithstanding the continuing high level of capital expenditure, Impale substantially increased its dividend

INDUSTRIAL DIVISION

The 1979 results were more than sabstactory with excellent growth being recorded in most companies. Turnover increased by 29% to R1,046 million whilst earnings increased by 50% to an all time record of R81.6 million; R33.9 million of those earnings are attributable to the Corporation and represent 40% of the Group's total attributable income.

The basic principle underlying the recommendations of the Wiehahn Commission report is the removal of discrimination to enable better utilisation of human resources and the elimination of artificial shortages created by job reservation. The Government of South Africa has recogni which private enterprise can take a lead in providing increased employment opportunities. The combination of an accelerated economic growth and the entry of Blacks into the skilled ranks will reduce unemployment and improve the overall standard

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GENERAL MINING MERGER General Mining acquired a controlling interest in Union Corporation some five years ago. Since that time the two groups have worked well together and the results of their efforts speak for themselves. The merger. which has now been accepted by shareholders, is a natural progression, and the combined operation is not only the second largest mining and industrial finance house in South Africa

but also ranks as a significant enterprise by world standards. Union Corporation will remain in existence as an operating subsidiary. However, the more rapid rate of growth which should flow from the combined strength in the new group will offer enhanced and challenging opportunities for our employees, on whose contribution and skills we rely. The achievements of the Union Corporation Group in the past are a clear reflection of the dedication of our management and employees and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking

Copies of the Annual Report may be obtained from the London Secretaries, Union Corporation (U.K.) Ltd., 95 Gresham Street, London EC2V 78S. (Quating ref. U.C.).

Wall Street

New York, March 25.—The stock market was mixed after 2 week start this morning as many key issues rebounded from yesterday 5 sharp fall. Declines led advances seven-to-four but the Dow Jones industrial average jumped seven points.
The Labor Department said

consumer price increases in February mainhed the 1.4 per cent rise of January. But Wage Price Council director, Robert Russell, said the inflation rate may have peaked in February.

Volume leader Mobile rose 7 to

67. Teledyne one to 1262, IBM 2
to 55 and Procter and Gamble 12

March 24: The Dow Jones indus-trial average closed 19.17 points down at 765.44.

Silver in \$1.25 fall

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Foreign exchange report

Both sterling and the dollar made smart gains at the expense of other major currencies yesterday in another rather thin day's business ou foreign exchange markets. Mainly commercial demand was responsible for a 1 of a cent gain by the pound at 2.1919 against 2.1835 overnight. The effective exchane index held an 0.5 point rise at the final calculation of 72.7 (overnight 72.2) dealers said that apart from a spurt of activity in early trading when a big Swiss order was executed,

trading in the pound was very subdued for the most part. The dollar met further support The dollar met further support with sentiment still helped by the prospect of yet higher United States interest rates. But it lost some ground behind central bank intervention later in the day. Against the D mark the dollar strengthened at 1.8943 (1.8860), and also made useful headway at the expense of the Swiss franc 1.7903 (1.7655). French franc 4.3968 (4.3870). The yen hardened marginally to 249.00

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*Accounts prepared under provision of SSAP15.

Bambers Stores Limited **Profits Growth Continues**

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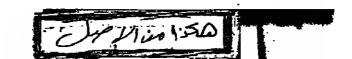
* Dividends up by 81%

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* Growth is continuing and 200th branch expected to open in the current year.

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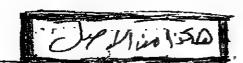
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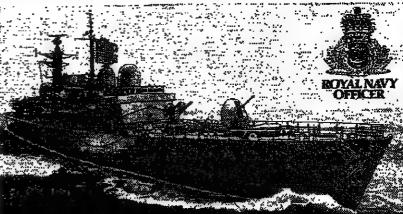
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through the quirks of the bedroom and bathroom suites market, some unusually fine and six further bedrooms. properties come up for sale at much the same time. At reception and two bedrooms, are naturally very much in reception and five bedrooms. the higher price brackets, hut somehow find new owners, not always from overseas, who are prepared an expensive tradition.

house now for sale for about and Rutley. 2500,000 is Binghams Melcombe, near Dorchester, dealing, on behalf of the which dates back to the four- executors, with the sale of teenth century and has a Reddish House, at Broad rooms, a study, a bedroom

special architectural or historic interest. The house is built around

three sides of a closed courtyard entered through a gate house, and one of the main features is a mid-sixteenth century oriel with examples of heraldic stained glass and the Bingham arms of the family which owned it for of the nineteenth century. Every now and again, just four reception rooms, two

The gate house has two present market values they and the dower bouse three

The gardens preserve much of their original layout and in all about 164 acres go with the property. to carry on what has become The vendor is Mr Douglas doors with their surrounds One such unusually fine the agents are Knight Frank structed of brick, with tiled

The same agents are also

grade one listing as being of Chalke, near Salisbury, Wiltshire, the home of the late Sir Cecil Beaton.

An auction is due in June, unless there is a private sale, and the agents are looking for more than £250,000. The house is an unusually good Oueen Anne building which has a grade two listing.

The accommodation includes three reception rooms, four bedroom and bathroom about 700 years until the end suites, a dressing room, and of the nineteenth century. a conservatory. There are The main accommodation is also two thatched cottages. and among the outbuildings is a large studio. The gardens and grounds run to about six

Another fine Oueen Anne house for sale is one called Netherhall, at Ledbury, about 15 miles from Hereford, also with a grade two listing. It retains inside a number of its period features such as original shutters to the windows and panelled Villiers, a businessman, and and pediments. It is conor Welsh blue slate roofs, part of which have recently been renewed.

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and bathroom suite, with month, unless sold privately, four other bedrooms on the and is expected to fetch first floor and four attic about £100,000. The sale bedrooms. Above the is through Chamberlaine-detached double garage is a Brothers and Edwards of

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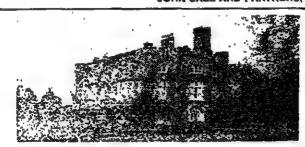
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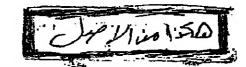
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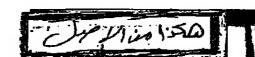
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6.55 am (mw only) Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Records : Glazmov, Liszt,
Fauré, Respight.†
8.00 News

Saëns.† 10.00 Organ : Bruhns, de Grigny,

10.45 Indian music.†

PERSONAL CHOICE

10.20 Gharbar: For Asian women. Sewing, cookery, a story and some music. Closedown at 10.45.
11.00 Play School: Dorothy Lentin's story Timper-Tomper Finds a Home (repeated at 3.55). Closedown at 11.25. Bogarde who is interviewed about his comparatively areer as a writer in today's edition of After Noon Plus

sarriage has been arranged for today's BBC TV coverage Budget (BBC 1, 3.00). It is between two computers—the wery own Rover and a much respected machine owned by of City stockbrokers. The fruit of the union, of ity a temporary one, will be that within seconds of the ellor's revelations, we can see what impact they are likely an the nation's economy. At the human level, the BBC ling its Matchless Duo, David Dimbleby and Robin Day. ting its Matchless Duo, David Dimbleby and Robin Day.

Adio (Radio 4, 3.25) fields the Tireless Trio, Gordon Clough,

Williams and Joan Bakewell from PM, and Radio 2

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ile all over the country have soon had their enthusiasm at ple all over the country have soon had their enthusiasm at a council house dampened—literally. Wet walls, rotting a and all because so-called experts overlooked some simple f physics when drawing up their designs. Tonight's Open (BBC 1, 9.35) investigates this scandalous state of affairs, ast report, sadly, a spectacular fall from grace in the ding instalment of Thérèse Raquin (BBC 2, 9.00). Not the with pulling all the stops out, it blows up the organ as and its excesses at practically every level are embarrassing th. Let us be grateful for the masterly first episode, or at the memory of the justifiably horrendous second a, and try to forget the third one altogether.

have a second chance tonight (Radio 3, 9.05) to hear maday's recital at St John's, Smith Square by the Welsh o Margaret Price (Mozart, Schubert, Debussy and:). If such a thing is possible, she should sound even in this digital recording . . . Another eminent Welsh s, Gwyneth Jones, is featured in a BBC Wales programme (Radio 4). She talks about her life and sings items from receive reporture, with Wagner to the fore For a ensive repertoire, with Wagner to the fore . . . For a modal chuckle—it could be your last one this Budget day—to the short Alan Ayckbourn comedy Mother Figure, agreen Lipman, repeated in this morning's Double Act

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BBC 2

6.40 am Open University: The Balby Street Kids; 7.05 Work and Retirement; 7.30 A School Approach to Energy. Close down 35 For Schools, Colleges: It's 9.35 For Schools, Colleges; It's Maths; 9.58 Let's Go (for mentally bandicapped); 10.12 Words and Pictures; 11.02 Everyday Maths; 11.40 English: In Your Own Words; 12.05 pm Russlan Language and People. Lesson Six (r). Close down at 12.30.
12.45 News and weather. 1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Last of Lalita Ahmed's series about Indian cookery. BBC Publications have now published her book, A Taste of India.

india. 1.45 Playboard : puppet programme.
2.01 Schools, Colleges: Watch (cavemed); 2.18 Twentieth Century History (India); 2.40 Communicate! (mounting a cam-

6.40 am Open University: Problem Identification Game; 7.65 Cells and Organisms; 7.30 Brain Structure and behaviour. Closedown at

3.55 pm Play School : See 1.00.

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4.20 The Backyard: Czechoslovakian carton. Upsetting the Apple Cart; 4.25 Jackanory: Sarah Porter conditues reading The Tales of Beatrix Potter: the Tale of the Pie and the Patty Pan: 4.40 Take Hart: Tony Hart makes a picture with dye powder, chalk, sand and plaster of Paris; 5.00. John Craven's Newsround: justor newsreel; 5.05 God's Wonderful Railway: GWR, serial. A race against

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9.30 am For Schools; The Invaders (bacterla, viruses); 9.52
My World: 10.10 How We Used to
Live (a Victorian wedding); 10.33
French: (English children in Boulogne); 11.04 Stop. Look, Listen (water); 11.16 Finding Out (Edward Lear); 11.36 Documentary re-rum (King Faisal of Saudi Arabia).

12.00 Cloppa Castle: puppets in mediaeval story; 12.10 pan Rainbow: Visit to an Essex farm, with a story and songs; 12.30 The Sullivans: serial about an Australian family.

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News.

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1.30 Take the High Road: Scotland's Coronation Street. Rural tales, continued. Kay Grant is invited to Glendarroch House.

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3.00 Nationwide: Budget special: tries to find out why so many Live coverage of the Chancellor's speech, with comments from experts (see Personal Choice).
5.40 News and weather: with Richard Baker. 5.55 Nationwide: officials. (See Personal Choice) 5.40 News and weather: with Richard Baker. 5.55 Nationwide: Diving among the wrecks off the Scilly Isles. 7.00 Potter: Trouble with a roll of carpet from the home of the exgangster (Harry H. Corbett).
Another in Arthur Lowe's comedy 7.30 A Song for Europe 1980:

Twelve songs one of which will represent the United Kingdom at the Eurovision Song Contest in The Hague on April 19. Tonight, the winner will be picked. Terry Wogan is MC.

3 60 Nesses with Pichand Belease. 9.00 News: with Richard Baker.
9.25 The Budget: A statement by
Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of
the Exchequer (repeated on
BBC 2, 11.30).
9.35 Ones Secret 9.35 Open Secret : We Made a Technical Mistake, Peter Williams

disaster : 5.35 Paddington : he hits disaster; 5.35 Paddington: he hits
the jackpot (r).
5.40 Open University: Rich Law,
Poor Law; 6.05 Systems Modeling; 6.30 Magic in the Web of Art,
6.55 The Master Game: The eleventh game in this chess series.
Vlastimil Hort (Czechoslovaka)
plays Walter Browne, of the
United States, The winner goes
through to the final.
7.25 News: wth sub-titles for the
hard of hearing.
7.35 29 Seconds to Zero: The
Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour:
all done with models and special
effects.

effects.
7.45 The Silicon Factor: Sink or Swim. Britain is lagging in microelectromics, but some British companies are part of the revolution, including Chubb (cash registers) and Hornby Hobbies (model trains). trains). 8.25 Arena : A look at two young. promising women playwrights, Vic-toria Wood (who has written, and appears in, Good Fun, now show-

9.55 Black Dyke's World of Missic: Currently national and European brass band champions, the Black Dyke Mills Band show why they have won the titles. With guest singer Moira Anderson.
10.45 Newsnight: News and features. With news bulletin at 11.15 approximately. approximately.

11.30 The Budget: Sir Geoffrey
Howe, on why he did what he did
(repeated from BBC 1, 9.25).

11.40 Open Door: A journey back
to childhood. With James Burke,
Elizabeth Garvie (Elizabeth in
Pride and Prejudice), Phil Collins
and Douglas Adams. Closedown at
12,15 am.

Regions

ing in Sheffield) and Andrea Dun-bar, still a teenager, whose play The Arbor is at the Royal Court in London (see also Thames, 11.49

pm).

9.00 Thérèse Raquin: Final instalment of this highly emotional Zolatale. Revenge of the ghost of the murdered husband. (See Personal Choice)

9.55 Black Dyke's World of Music:

5.45 News. 6.60 Thames News. 6.25 Help! The Setbacks: part 3. The trouble-beset Setbacks: part 3. The trouble-beset Setbacks amily find out about another type of woe-industrial injury. 6.35 Crosscoads: A job application faux pas by Alison Cotterill. 7.00 This is Your Life: Another of Eamoum Andrews's potted biographies, with tributes galore. 7.30 Coronation Street: Will Pauline Stringer accept the job offered to her by Mike Baldwin? Will Deirdre Langton get Emily Risbop as a regular child-minder? 8.00 Film: The Four Musketeers (1974): Richard Lester's invigorating sequel to his The Three Kusketeers, with the same spectacular cast and even better swordplay. Not Dumas, but that, samehow, does not seem to matter.
10.00 News.
10.30 The Budget: A statement by Sir Geoffrey Howe.

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10.40 Sports Special: Prientry foorball match between Spain and England, played in Barcelona. The two teams will clash again in three months time—in the European Championships.
11.40 Celebration: Interview with and songs from Victoria Wood, playwright, actress, singer, songwitter and comedienne (see also BBC 2, 8.25).
12.10 am Close.

Radio 4

 6.00 am News Briefing.
 6.10 Farming Today. 6,30 Today. 7,00, 8,00 News. 7,30, 8,30 Headlines.

8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00 News.
9.05 Mid-Week.
10.06 News.
10.05 Gardeners' Question Fime.
10.30 Daily Service.
18.45 Once Upon an Ice Age (8):

11.00 News.
11.05 Baker's Dozen.
12.06 News.
12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.27 Plays: Mother Figure;

Tutorial.

12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World at One.

1.40 The Archers.

2.00 News.

2.02 Woman's Hour.

officials. (See Personal Conce)

10.05 Sportsnight: The line-up includes the Greyhound TV Trophy,
live from Wembley; the Martin
Luther King Games, in California;
and an advance report on the
Grand National. 10.55 Parkinson: Guests are Clive James, of The Observer and Steve Martin, an American comedian. 3.00 News. 3.02 Listen With Mother. 3.15 The way the Money Goes 3.25 The Budget. 5.55 Weather. BEG 1 WARIATIONS: CYMRU/WALES: 11.02 am / Yggolion, 5.55 pm Wales 11.02 am / Yggolion, 5.55 pm Wales Today, 7.00 Heddiw, 11.55 News and weather for Wales, SCOTLAND: 12.40 pm SCOTLIS News, 3.55 Reporting SCOTLAND: 11.55 News and weather for SCOTLAND, 10.55 News and Weather for SCOTLAND, 10.55 News and Weather for SCOTLAND, 11.55 News and Weather for Northern Irreland, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 2016, 20

6.00 News. 6.30 My Music.† .00 News. 7.20 Checkpoint. 7.45 A Musical Evening with

10.00 Ine worm lonight.
10.30 The Life and times of the Orchestra. (7)†
11.00 A Book'at Beddine.
11.15 Financial World mulght.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.23 Weather,

6.50 am Regional news, weather. 7.50 Regional news, weather. 7.50 Regional news, weather.
9.05-10.30 Schools: History in Evidence; Advanced Studies—English; Poetry Corner; Music Makara; Something to Think About.
10.45-12.00 Schools: The Music Box; By the People, For the People; Inquiry; Quest.
2.00 pm-3.00 Schools: Movement and Drama I; Books, Plays, Poems; Nature.
5.50 Regional news. weather.

5.50 Regional news, weather. 11.00 Study on 4: Get By in Spanish (1).
11.30-12.10 am Open University: The Voyage of the Challenger; Science—Manchester in the 19th Century.

11.55-12.00 News.

VHF 6.00-7.00 am Open University: Music Interlude; Louis Sullivan: Remaissance Portraiture. 6.20-7.00 pm Open University: 18th-century Political Prints; Making Sense of Society. 8.00 News. 8.05 Records: Kozelni, Haydn (Sym 55).† 9.08 News. 9.05 Week's Composer: Saint-

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5.00 am News, weather 5.03 Ray
Moore † 7.32 Terry Wogan.† 10.03
Jimmy Young † 12.03 pm David
Hamilton.† 2.03 Ed. Stewart.† 3.03
Budget.† 5.00 News. 5.05 Budget.†
6.15 Waggoners' Walk. 6.30 John
Dun.† 8.02 Listen to the Band.†
8.45 International Soccer. 10.30
News Huddlines. 11.02 Fred Perry.
11.32 Brian Matthew, 2.02 am-5.00
You and the Night and the Music.†

Saëns.†
10.00 Organ: Bruhns, de Grigny,
Alain.†
10.45 Tenor (Schreir), piano, pt 1:
Dyorak, Beethoven (op 98).†
11.15 Interval reading.
11.25 Schreir, pt 2: Strauss.†
12.00 BBC. Scottish SO/Francis:
Bernstein (incl Serenade).†
1.00 pm News.
1.05 Piano (Donohoe, live from
Broadcasting House): Beethoven
(op 109), Schoenberg, Chopin.†
2.00 Music Weekly.†
2.50 Cello, piano: Joubert, Keys.†
3.25 Aspects of the Blues (7).
4.00 Choral Evensong.†
4.55 News.
5.00 (mw and mono only from
6.20) Music for early evening.†
7.00 Music Now.
7.45 Building a Library: Shostakovich (Sym 10).†
8.45 Six Continents: world news.
9.05 Sopruno, plano (M. Price,
Parsons): Mozart, Schubert,
Debussy, Duparc.†
10.05 Piano quartet: Faure.†
10.05 Indian music.† Radio I · · · Kadlo I

5.00 am As Radio 2. 6.00 Dave Lee
Travis. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.31
Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm Andy
Peebles. 4.31 Kid Jensen. 7.00
Mailbag. 8.00 Mike Read. 9.50
Newsbeat. 10.00 John Peel.† 12.005.00 am As Radio 2.
VHF RADIOS 1 and 2: 5.00 am
With Radio 2. 8.45 pm Alan Dell.
9.15 The Magic of the Musicals.†
9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 With Radio
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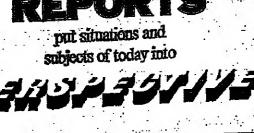
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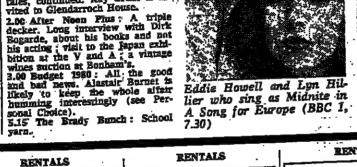
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27 Two of these students finish

well (8). 28 Good weather forecast is

2 Path put right in the end

3 Babyish appearance in cooler but (9).

the first of seven (6).

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DEATHS

MASSMYTH OF POSSO: HENDER-SON-HOWAT.—On Murch 23, 1980. In St. Margaret's Chapel, Edinburgh Castle, by his father, Major R. William Nacemyth of Frenderson-Howat. daughter of the late Dean of Brechin and of Mrs Henderson-Howat. on March 21st. 1980. DEATHS Tel. 77-261.
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5 Melisande's isle—a fabrica-tion by Ruskin (6, 3, 6).

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16 A pound note's given for vestments (4).

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12 No doubt Hebe had to bear it (6).

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13 Unruly person is abroad — an area in central Asia (9).

13 Italian city in Cleopatra's an area in central Asia (9).

15 bine (4).

17-Anger about a worn sort of

15-Plant produces a vessel in goods (8).
26 Arms and what man? (6).

18 Prevented Edward retiring 22 Gloomy warder hasn't star--was wrong (8).

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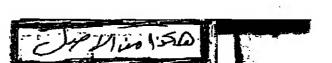
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